

Night flights demanded to halt air chaos

MPs press for censure of 'complacent CAA'

- An MP demanded extra night flights from Gatwick to clear the holiday backlog after another weekend of airport delays... Pressure to censure the Civil Aviation Authority mounted, with fresh criticism of its "extreme complacency" over the holiday-makers' ordeal...

By Richard Ford and Michael Horsnell

The Government was last night under pressure to end restrictions on night flights as backbenchers demanded resignations from the Civil Aviation Authority for causing misery to thousands of holiday-makers.

next two weeks, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, faced the prospect of questions in the Commons today on the unprecedented disruption.

Greek counterparts will coincide with the start of school holidays in Britain and the traditional vacation periods in France and West Germany.

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With two weekly prize winners (see page 3), the Portfolio Accumulator fund now stands at £126,000. Prices, page 25

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Hooligan cases may be dropped

Scotland Yard may have to abandon three more cases involving allegations of football hooliganism after discussions with officials from the Crown Prosecution Service.

Atlanta search for unity

Democrats hold crisis talks

Top aides of Governor Michael Dukakis and the Rev Jesse Jackson held meetings here at the weekend to defuse simmering tensions between the two rivals and ensure a display of amity and unity when the convention opens today.

Armenians call off general strike

From A Correspondent, Moscow

Armenian activists have called off a two-week long general strike in Yerevan in an apparent goodwill gesture on the eve of a special session of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet on the crisis over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Pretoria breaks up Mandela's birthday party

From Michael Horsnell Johannesburg

South Africa's white rulers, in an eloquent if unintended tribute to their fear of the black nationalist leader whose invisible presence has haunted them for the past 26 years, took steps at the weekend to ban every kind of public or private celebration of the 70th birthday today of Nelson Mandela, the imprisoned leader of the outlawed African National Congress.

Bishops 'must not postpone difficult decisions'



Archbishop Desmond Tutu meeting the crowd outside Canterbury Cathedral after the conference's opening service. (Photograph: Deniz McNeelance)

Church has to take risks, says Runcie

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, yesterday warned the congregation attending the inaugural service of the Lambeth Conference to resist the temptation "to postpone difficult decisions."

Thatcher's new man backs Lawson fight

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Sir Alan Walters, the Prime Minister's part-time economic adviser who is due to return in a full-time role next year, denied yesterday that he disagreed with the Chancellor's overall handling of the economy.

The Prime Minister felt exposed during her row with Mr Lawson over the management of sterling in March and has been isolated in her opposition to full British membership of the European Monetary System.

Runcie sermon

led by the Archbishop of the West Indies, the Most Rev Orland Lindsay, the congregation of more than 2,000 prayed their way through the clauses of the Creed which describes the church - that it should be one, holy, Catholic and apostolic.

Bid fears

A dispute with a former director has left Yale and Valor, the locks and consumer durable conglomerate, vulnerable to a bid.

Price leads

Nick Price leads by two strokes going into the last round of golf's Open Championship. Severiano Ballesteros and Nick Faldo are his closest rivals.

Test changes

Two uncapped batsmen, Tim Curtis and Robin Smith, are included in the England cricket squad for the fourth Test match at Headingley on Thursday.

Degree results

Degrees awarded by the University of Hull will be published tomorrow. Results from the universities of Liverpool and Reading appear today.

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Heads get tougher guidelines for 'risky' school trips

By David Tyler, Education Editor

Heads must ensure that teachers and helpers supervising young pupils on school trips involving special risks know they are effectively on duty continuously, head teachers are told in guidelines issued by their union today.

The National Association of Head Teachers drew up the guidelines after four Buckinghamshire pupils, aged between 10 and 12, were washed off rocks and drowned at Land's End in 1985, and four Berkshire boys, aged between 13 and 15, fell to their deaths from an Austrian mountain last April.

Referring to special school journey risks, such as mountain or hill climbing and gotholting, the association says: "In the case of older pupils there may be grounds for some relaxation of supervision, but the practice of allowing them to roam almost at will is not acceptable."

In the case of young pupils, careful supervision "should be maintained at all times."

"It cannot be stressed too much that those accepting responsibility for supervision of pupils on visits are effectively on duty continuously."

No inexperienced teachers should be placed in sole charge of a group, particularly those taking part in hazardous activities.

Heads are also warned that where parents are assisting teachers, overall responsibility must lie with the teachers.

"Unofficial" school visits must be banned and heads are told that oral instructions and guidance to parents and pupils are inadequate.

As much information as possible should be sent home well in advance, detailing arrangements for the visit, any possible risks involved, details of planned supervision and special clothing or footwear required.

The guidelines say: "The need for precise written information to parents, including insurance, and emergency contacts, cannot be over-stated. Reliance on oral information, particularly instructions to those taking part in or supervising visits, could lead to serious legal consequences where mishaps occur."

Heads must have parental permission for all visits, either as general consent for regular activities or for a specific visit. A separate consent form should be required for any visit involving hazards.

All those supervising pupils on visits should be given clear guidance and instructions in writing well in advance. Those should include any emergency procedures, contact points, and essential telephone numbers.

Careful thought must be given in advance to plans for dealing with possible emergencies. Names and addresses of those on the visit should always be readily available back at the school. Lines of communication between the party and the school should be well established and kept open.

In planning the journeys, the association suggests that wherever possible teachers should visit the area in advance to assess potential hazards and possible educational activities, the extra cost being added to the overall charge for the visit.

Mr David Hart, the association's general secretary, said yesterday: "The tragedy at Land's End and other recent accidents does show that it is impossible to be too careful in planning and running school journeys, while maintaining the enjoyment and educational benefits."

The most sweeping education reforms since 1944 reach their final stages in the House of Commons today amid Opposition claims that imposition of the guillotine will allow insufficient time for proper discussion of late amendments.

Mr Jack Straw, shadow Secretary of State for education, said yesterday that many of the new powers in the Education Reform Bill "buried in the 569 Lords amendments for which just 11 hours' debating time has been allocated. "We must receive no discussion at all in the House of Commons."

Mr Straw said yesterday: "Most of the amendments will not be debated at all. Fundamental changes to the scheme of religious education and worship will get just two hours debate; changes in national assessment and testing, one and a half hours."

"The Government is to overturn the Lords amendment on the parents' opt-out ballot and the powers of the Universities Funding Council. These debates will get just one and a half hours and one hour respectively."

Admirals join forces for Armada Cup



Sir John Woodward, at the helm, with fellow admirals off Spain on Friday preparing for the Armada Cup. The crew of training rig HMSTC Racer includes (back, left to right) Charles Williams, Sir Robert Gerken and Robert Hill; and (front) Michael Livesay and Geoffrey Marsh (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Six admirals will be ignoring Gilbert & Sullivan's advice to "stick close to their desks and never go to sea" when they take part in the Armada Cup Race from San Sebastian in Spain to Plymouth.

The admirals will sail the 55 ft training rig HMSTC Racer with the help of two commanders and three captains.

The skipper is Admiral Sir John Woodward, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, who has under his command Vice Admiral Sir Robert Gerken and the four Rear Admirals Geoffrey Marsh, Charles Williams,

Robert Hill and Michael Livesay.

Another 60 yachts are taking part in the 400-mile race to commemorate the four-hundredth anniversary of the Spanish Armada but no other is thought to have such a distinguished crew. Despite their seniority the admirals do not expect to win but they do aim to reach Plymouth within the time limit of July 21.

The Ministry of Defence said: "They will all take it in turns to do the menial tasks like cooking and cleaning."

Pressure of commitments has meant that the admirals have had barely one day for

sea preparation before the race, organized by The Royal Western Yacht Club of England and the Real Club Nautico De San Sebastian.

Sir John, who is best remembered as commander of the Falklands Task Force, will be known to his crew by his nickname "Sandy". He is not expected to be too much of a disciplinarian if any of his distinguished team proves lacking in sailing skills.

A sister yacht of the HMSTC Racer will be crewed by men from HMS Fearless who are understood to be on their mettle to cross the line before their masters.

Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator Winner picks luxuries

The last time one of Saturday's two Portfolio winners won anything was a sport prize during the Second World War.

Mr Peter Bradley, a retired assistant editor in publishing from Tunbridge Wells, Kent, said: "I cannot even remember what that was, after all 1941 was a long time ago."

He and his wife Nancy plan to have their house repainted with part of their £4,000 prize, and to take a trip to France next year.

"We have already been on holiday this year, but now we will be able to enjoy a few luxuries and meals", he said.

The £8,000 Portfolio prize was shared with Mr J Walby, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Protest at 'warts and warts' view

Police condemn TV adverts

Scotland Yard has protested to Thames Television over the content of press advertisements promoting a new series of *The Bill*, a twice weekly police drama, which starts tomorrow.

"However, in spite of the criticisms and complaints from individual policemen, the ITV company decided to continue this week with its £200,000 national press campaign to boost the series which is intended to spearhead commercial television's drive for better ratings."

It is the second time inside a week that Scotland Yard has clashed with television executives over the fictional portrayal of the police. Sir Peter Imbert, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, objected to the way a rape victim was interviewed by a police officer on BBC's *EastEnders*.

Scotland Yard launched an official protest over *The Bill* after the first two advertisements, featuring "officers" in the series, appeared in national newspapers last week. The first advertisement, which has

particularly angered policemen, featured Sergeant Bob Cryer and said: "Every day he deals with victims of domestic conflict, violent fights and too much drink. And that's just other policemen."

A second advertisement highlighted Det Constable Jim Carver who thinks the police exist to do good. "His colleagues think he's in the wrong job", the advertisement, which also referred to the "liars, cheats and bullies" within the force, said.

Thames says the series is so realistic "even real policemen watch it".

Mr Tony Judge of the Police Federation said yesterday: "We have had a lot of complaints from our members about the statements made in the adverts. The programmes take a warts and warts view of the police, rather than a view and all view. The problem with this kind of advert is that people do tend to think it is authentic, that it is real life police that they are seeing."

Scotland Yard confirmed

yesterday that a formal protest was made to Thames last Tuesday "and the company gave an assurance that it would look into the matter".

However, Thames said yesterday that it was buying national newspaper space for further advertisements. It insisted that the advertisements were not intended to denigrate police officers. "The adverts are intended to represent the series which, in turn, attempts to portray human beings, with human strengths and weaknesses, trying to do an incredibly difficult job. *The Bill* is intended to be realistic and sympathetic, and we believe most of our viewers see it in that way."

Ironically, Tony Scannell, the actor who plays Sergeant Ted Roach in the series, features on the front page of the latest edition of *The Job*, the in-house newspaper for the Metropolitan Police. He is photographed with a chief inspector from the Metropolitan Police's firearms unit, being shown the correct way to handle a gun.

Heart attack areas studied

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

An investigation into why the pattern of heart disease varies between towns and social groups is to be conducted for the British Heart Foundation.

It comes in the wake of research that shows that people are more than twice as likely to have a heart attack, depending on where they live.

The finding comes from an eight-year study of the health of 7,753 men aged between 40 and 59 in 24 towns by doctors working with Professor Gerald Shaper, director of a heart study group at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, in London.

Professor Shaper's team found that the least number of cases of high blood pressure and the lowest levels of chole-

sterol in the blood, two of key causes of heart attacks, in Guildford and Shrewsbury.

Town	Percentage of men suffering high blood pressure
Dewsbury	30
Dunfermline	29
Merthyr Tydfil	28
Cardiff	27
Newcastle-U-Lyme	27
Wigan	26
Grimsby	26
Falkirk	26
Hartlepool	26
Southport	24
Darlington	24
Burnley	23
Beccard	22
Mansfield	21
Maidstone	20
Gloucester	18
Ayr	17
Lowestoft	15
Ipswich	15
Scunthorpe	13
Harrgate	13
Exeter	11
Guildford	10
Shrewsbury	10

The huge discrepancy in the risk between different towns was disclosed in a comparison of the proportion of the men with raised blood pressure.

High rates of blood pressure were found among those with known risk factors of smoking and alcohol intake but did not account for the marked difference between towns.

Further, Professor Shaper said, all the people in study had higher than the recommended healthy levels of cholesterol in the blood.

The professor is asking: "Is it the geography that accounts for these differences - the altitude, the temperature and rainfall, the drinking water - or is it something to do with lifestyle, which in turn is conditioned by the county, the town or the suburb in which you live?"

Navy sells off old warships

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The export sales department of the Ministry of Defence, rewarded for its efforts with last week's announcement of a second arms deal with Saudi Arabia, worth up to £10 billion, is also engaged in a flourishing second-hand business.

Countries which cannot match the bottomless Saudi funds are queuing up for the Royal Navy's old warships at knock-down prices.

Last week Britain sold two of its ageing Leander class frigates to Pakistan. Diomedes, 17 years old, and Apollo, 16 years old, would have been scrapped but for the Pakistan Navy's short-term requirements for serviceable frigates.

It already has one former County class destroyer, Lan-

don, renamed Babur and a 42-year-old Battle class destroyer, now called Badr.

Details of the new Pakistan deal are being kept secret, although it is understood that Diomedes and Apollo were acquired for a song.

Diomedes, built by Yarrow and commissioned in 1971, is a broad-beamed frigate, equipped with a Wasp helicopter, two 4.5-inch guns, the SeaCat missile system and anti-submarine mortars. Royal Navy sources said she was in "remarkably good order" for her age. "She's a jolly good ship", a senior officer said.

Apollo will be taken over by a Pakistani crew when she is decommissioned on October 14. Both ships have been sold with all their existing equip-

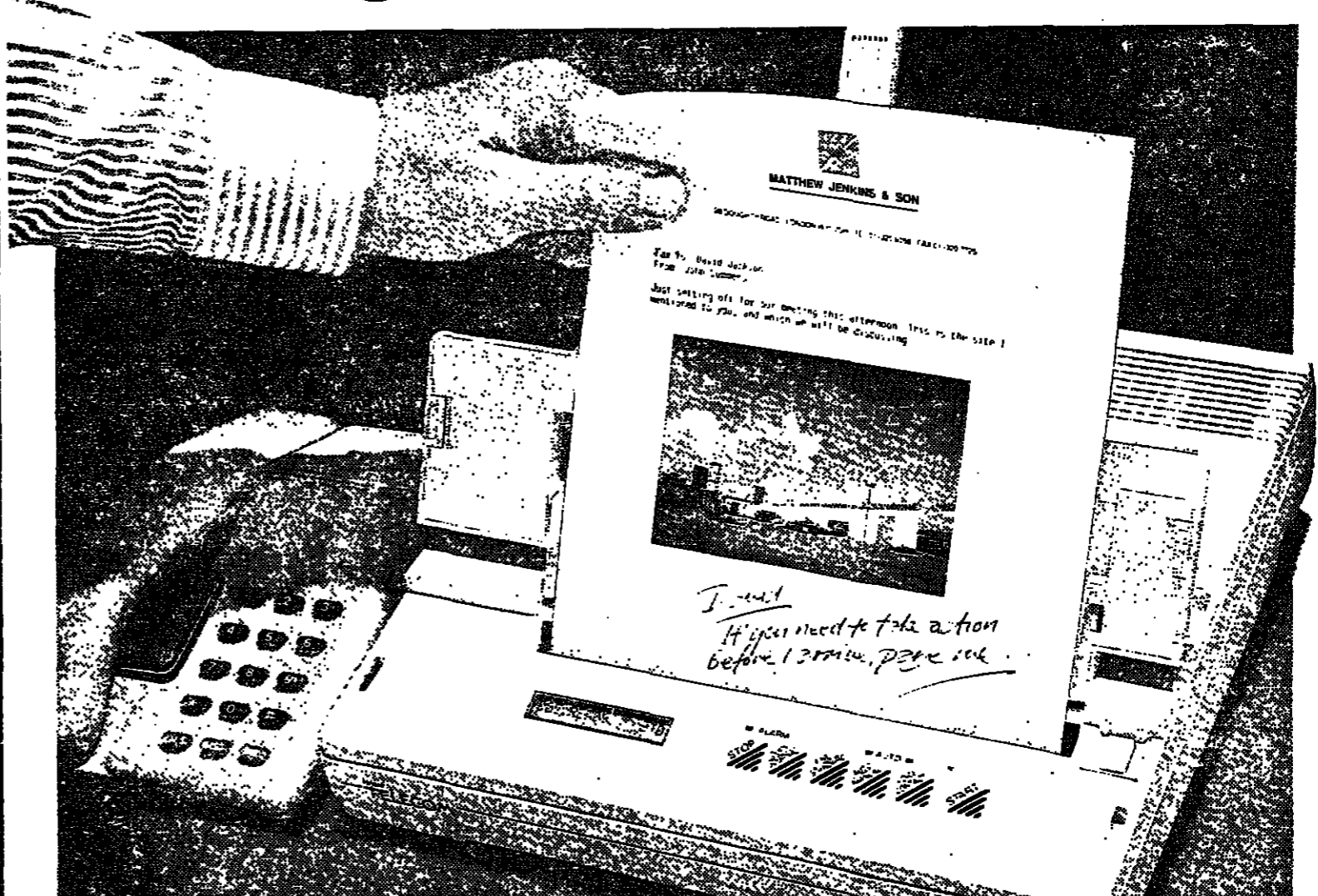
ment, excluding the helicopters.

The purchase of the two old warships is seen as a stop-gap for the Pakistan Navy. The Government still hopes to sell three new Type 23 frigates to Pakistan.

Meanwhile the second-hand market continues to look promising. Achilles, a third Leander class frigate, is due to be decommissioned next year and is "almost certain" to be sold to Chile.

Other ships sold off since 1982 were the Leander class frigates, Bacchante and Dido to New Zealand, the aircraft carrier Hermes to India, and three Tribal class frigates, Tartar, Zulu and Gurkha, and a survey ship, Hydra, to Indonesia.

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Yard faces halt on more court cases against soccer fans

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard's drive against football hooligans faces further serious damage with a decision by legal experts and senior officers to drop up to three more cases involving more than 60 defendants.

If they are all withdrawn then charges against more than 100 defendants alleged to be taking part in football hooliganism will have been lost after lengthy and expensive investigations.

Yesterday sources close to the investigations said that a statement about the future of current cases could emerge this week.

That would follow discussions last Friday by senior officials from the Crown Prosecution Service. Further talks between lawyers and police are taking place this week.

One case which may be dropped is Operation Backdoor which led to the arrest of 34 Crystal Palace football club supporters in April this year.

No investigations outside London are involved in the discussions, which come after the collapse in the past two months of four cases against 31 defendants linked to Chelsea, Millwall, and West Ham United football clubs. Some of the London cases are also expected to continue.

Cases pending include the Crystal Palace investigation and also charges against more West Ham supporters.

A senior Soviet customs official is to attend an international police conference in London and discuss publicly Soviet plans for greater co-operation on fighting drug smuggling. Mr V K Boyarov, deputy head of the Soviet customs department, is to give a paper at the International Police Exhibition and Conference in September with Mr Richard Lawrence, British Customs' chief investigator.

The core of the anxiety about the London investigations hinges on the use of undercover operations and the recording of evidence.

Doubts began to emerge in May when the case against 11 West Ham supporters was abandoned after questions were raised about police evidence. Subsequent cases also raised questions and Scotland Yard began a rapid cross-check on evidence in cases still pending.

Some police officers may have been confident that they could still go ahead but the CPS may have been more cautious, arguing that the police methodology of using undercover officers could be seriously attacked in court, ruining prosecutions.

Despite the collapse of cases Sir Peter Imbert, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, has promised that the battle against football hooliganism will continue. His senior officers are trying to analyse the mistakes that have been made, and one outcome is that in future operations will be divided between intelligence-gathering exercises and the search for usable evidence in court.

● The two most recent of the four football hooligan trials to collapse took place at Southwark Crown Court on June 27. Charges against seven Millwall supporters were dropped when no evidence was offered and Judge Butler, QC, ordered not guilty verdicts to be recorded.

The trials came after the arrests of 18 people in January 1987.

The trials were split into four because of the large numbers involved.

Southwark Crown Court was told that two people were convicted and four acquitted in an earlier trial at another court. The evidence against those standing trial at Southwark was held to be almost entirely of a lesser nature than that against those acquitted at the first trial, and it was held to be not right to ask a jury to convict on evidence that another jury had found insufficient.

Mr Alan Suckling, QC, told the court, referring to the second Southwark trial: "Because of an investigation against police officers, no evidence was offered".

Countryman with design for city living



Sir Terence Conran, pencil and sketchpad at the ready, combining business with pleasure on a pleasant weekend in his country home.

Off-duty: Moments of relaxation are rare for the man whose work has brought simple, functional design within the reach of everyone. Sir Terence Conran now runs the Habitat chain, BHS, Mothercare and his flagship, the Conran Shop, housed in the restored Michelin Building.

Weekends for Sir Terence, aged 56, begin in the secluded grounds of

his manor house in Berkshire, where he sits under the shade of an old English elm with sketchpad and pencil and, as the day wears on, a bottle of wine and a cigar. Some of his most successful designs have begun life as simply sketched outlines, drawn in those private moments.

"Most of the work I do is a pleasure, not a bore", he said. "I start to sketch

and when - there is suddenly a burst of productivity.

On the Conran sketch pad now is a private project, the development of Butler's Wharf on London's South Bank, due for completion in 1991.

The 12-acre site will have 1,000 homes, shops, offices, workshops, restaurants and coffee bars, a design museum, a hostel for 300 students of

the London School of Economics and a pier for London's new waterbus service.

In the meantime the latest Conran venture will be unveiled on Friday when the London Pavilion reopens, its interiors refurbished by the Conran Design team.

(Report and photograph by Ros Drinkwater)

Councils' trading ban plea

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Local authorities say they no longer want to be responsible for the enforcement of the Sunday trading ban.

They believe they do not have widespread public support and would rather spend the money on other environmental and health priorities. Most complaints about Sunday trading came from rival businesses, not the public.

The Association of District Councils has forwarded its complaints to Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, after a survey of Sunday trading.

Of the 232 authorities which replied, 95 said Sunday trading was prevalent and that they regard the worst offenders as the national DIY chains, such as Payless, Texas Home-care, B & Q, W H Smith's Do-It-All, Queensway and Great Mills/RMC.

Only 15 authorities employ staff on routine inspections; 192 authorities said they take action only after complaints.

Mr John Denison, the chairman of the association's general services committee, said that enforcement by prosecution was a lottery because of

inconsistency among benches.

The survey showed that since January 1 last year, 122 councils - 53 per cent of those who responded - had taken action against Sunday traders. The majority of authorities - 62 per cent - had prosecuted one or more of the DIY chains.

Stores pursued every available argument, causing substantial delay, and continued to trade.

A tactic was now used where alleged offenders claim that restrictions on Sunday trading contravene Article 30 of the Treaty of Rome.

Channon in road talks with private industry

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Merchant bankers and construction companies will hold talks with Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport today about greater private sector involvement in developing the road and rail infrastructure.

With pressure mounting on the Government to move quickly to tackle transport congestion, ministers and their advisers are considering radical solutions and alter-

native forms of finance put forward by private companies. One of those ideas is for a toll only "executive lane" along side the M1.

Repairs until next Monday:

London and South-east

M1 London: contraflow jns 4-5 (Edgware/ Harrow); northbound entry closed at jn 4; diversion via A41 and jn 5.

M1 Bedfordshire: lane closures jns 12-13 (Toddington/Bedford).

M25 Buckinghamshire: works between jns 15-17 (M4/Maple Cross).

M25 Surrey: contraflow jns 11-12 (Chertsey/ M3).

M11 Essex: contraflow jns 8-9 (Stansted/A11).

M12 Kent: lane closures at jn 5 (Sittingbourne).

M40 Thames Valley: contraflow jns 6-7 (Watlington/Thame) with slip road closures at jn 7.

M4 Thames Valley: contraflow jns 12-13 (Theale/Newbury).

Midlands

M5 Hereford/Worcester: contraflow jns 5-6 (Droitwich/Worcester north).

M6 W Midlands: lane closures jns 6-7.

M42 W Midlands: contraflow jns 6-5 (A45/A41).

North

M6 Cheshire: contraflow jns 16-17 (Kingsgrove/Sandbach).

M62 Greater Manchester: lane restrictions jns 21-22 (A640/A672).

M63 Greater Manchester: two lanes each direction jns 1-7 (M62/A56) with contraflow over Barton Bridge and 40mph speed limit; slip road closures at jn 4 (B5158/A5081).

Scotland

M74 Strathclyde: contraflow jns 7-8; contraflow at jn 4 (Maryville).

M74 Lanarkshire: lane closures jns 9-11; southbound B&S closures north of Bodwell station area.

M90 Tayside: lane closures north of jn 4 to north of jn 6.

Wales and West

M48 Wales: restricted jns 24-27 (Newport/Portlewy).

M5 Gloucestershire: contraflow jns 9-11.

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Aftermath of cruise ship killings Greek blunders and police rivalry hinder inquiries

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Confusion, blunders and blatant contradictions that are plaguing the official Greek investigations six days after the attack on board the City of Patras, inevitably cast an embarrassing shadow over today's meeting of European Community foreign ministers in Athens, the first held under the Greek presidency.

Terrorism was not on the agenda of the one-day political co-operation session, but Mr Karolos Papoulias, the presiding Greek Foreign Minister, promised to give his colleagues a full rundown on the attack. They will be eager to hear why the Greek security services are still groping in the dark over why, how and who staged the sea assault that left nine dead and 80 foreign tourists injured.

Before that Mr Papoulias has had to explain to his French opposite number, M Roland Dumas, over private dinner last night why the Greek Government, with what French officials described as "callous incompetence" branded as terrorists two French passengers who died in the attack. One of them was Isabelle Bismuth, aged 23, who was photo-

graphed on board the ship playing cards with an Arab. He was identified as Mohammed Zozad (whose real name is believed to be Sojod), wanted as a prime suspect for the attack. The police promptly described her as a "Moroccan accomplice", published her picture and issued an arrest warrant.

Outraged protests from the woman's family in Paris prompted them to drop the description. She was later recognized from dental records as one of the badly charred bodies found on the burning ship. No apology was offered.

Forty-eight hours later a jubilant Greek Minister of Merchant Marine, Mr Evangelos Yannopoulos, announced that eight witnesses had recognized the face of another dead Frenchman as that of the second assailant. They even remembered his khaki shirt as he sprayed random machinegun fire at passengers on the deck. He was named as Roland Vigneron, an alleged accomplice of Sojod.

Vigneron - whose identification papers name him as Laurant, not Roland - was 23

and an engineering student at Lille University.

His family also confirmed that his name was Laurant, indignantly dismissed the terrorist allegations, and said he was travelling in Greece with his fiancée, Annie Audejean. He died of multiple grenade wounds and burns one hour after being admitted to a Piraeus hospital. His fiancée's body was tentatively identified among the nine dead.

"There is no proof showing that Vigneron was a terrorist," said M Pierre Robin, the First Secretary of the French Embassy here. "On the contrary, all the indications at our disposal point in the opposite direction."

Vigneron's family had pleaded with the Greek authorities not to publish his photograph out of respect for his memory. The plea was ignored.

The authorities were undeterred. "This was clearly the work of a suicide squad," an official told reporters, adding that Sojod was probably the badly mangled and carbonized body remaining in the mortuary. Yet in the same breath he said he would not comment on reports that an Arab now being questioned by police was Sojod. What angered the French Government was that the allegations were made public without checking with the French authorities the background of any French suspects.

The Greek security services have never enjoyed a reputation for exceptional skill. What has aggravated an admittedly complicated affair has been the antagonism between the police and the Coastguard, which has the main jurisdiction in this case.

These and other services, often criticized for incompetence and sloppiness, were not only eager to be first with the news but also withheld tips and leads from the others, hoping they would blunder.

There has also been a subliminal eagerness to exonerate the Arabs.

Allegations which were put out by the Palestine Liberation Organization office here that the attack had been engineered by the American and Israeli secret services were given big headlines.

The Greek authorities have now stopped putting out statements about the investigation. Letters, page 13



Victims of the attack on the Greek cruise ship, Laurant Vigneron with his fiancée, Annie Audejean, at a celebration in Bourges last year. He died of his wounds in a Greek hospital.

US admits radiation build-up at air bases

From Paul Bompard Rome

A warning from the United States Air Force has spread fears of dangerous radiation levels around the Italian town of Aviano, 50 miles north of Venice.

The American military authorities said the quantity of radon gas in buildings in and around the nearby Nato base is above their safety level of 20 picocuries per litre of air. According to US environmental authorities, the safe maximum level is four.

Radon is produced by the natural decomposition of uranium and considered a contributory factor in lung cancer. The cause of the build-up is more likely to be bad architecture than nuclear warheads.

A document released by the Americans after analyses last December recommends better ventilation to reduce the accumulation of radon gas in buildings, and calls for monthly checks both in Aviano and at Kadana in Japan, a base which has similarly unacceptable levels.

The gas emanates naturally from the earth, and can accumulate dangerously in poorly ventilated buildings. Radium 226, the element that produces radon, should not be present in "yellow cake", the semi-refined uranium ore used in nuclear weapons and reactors.

Opposition in Pakistan

Zia's old business allies start to switch allegiance

From Zahid Hussain, Lahore

Pakistan's powerful business and trading community, which for 11 years supported President Zia, now seems to have joined the revolt against his Government.

New tax measures proposed by the Finance Minister, Dr Mahbubul Haq, in last month's budget, prompted a strike by traders in Punjab's main cities last Thursday, and although President Zia has agreed to withdraw some of the proposals, the traders remain unpacified.

The Anjuman Tajran Punjab, or Punjab Traders' Association, has given a warning that industries would also join traders in a nationwide strike if their demands are not met.

Trade and industry officials in Karachi - Hyderabad has been placed under curfew after an armed attack on its mayor and some councillors (Zahid Hussain writes). According to reports reaching here, an armed gang ambushed the mayor, Mr Aftab Sheikh, and his supporters outside his residence yesterday, shooting him four times in the chest. One councillor was killed and 15 others are said to be injured.

accuse the Government of putting the onus of the new tax measures on their sectors while exempting agriculture. The proposals, they claim, would also make them more likely to tax evasion charges.

But the Finance Minister says the reforms are needed to stop wide-scale tax evasion. He has alleged that most traders do not pay tax and that with the new measures, government revenue would be increased by about £1 billion a year.

The Government has already imposed a 12 per cent sales tax which traders claim caused a steep price rise. A leading businessman in Lahore, Mr Farooq Jameel, says consumers are resisting the price rises. "There is a total slump in business, as consumers are not prepared to buy," he said.

A leading Punjab businessman said traders previously supported the Government because it brought stability, but President Zia's dissolution in May of the National Assembly, coupled with his refusal to name an election date, had plunged the country into political turmoil.

"No one knows what is going to happen," said Mr Jameel. "We have written off business for the next eight months." This uncertainty has also caused a flight of capital from the country, with repercussions on foreign exchange rates - official and otherwise.

The political clout of the business community was felt when their agitation against the former Prime Minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, resulted in a military coup led by General Zia.

But as support for President Zia wanes, even Mr Nawaz Sharif, a leading industrialist and businessman and Punjab's Chief Minister, appears unable to stem anti-government sentiments.

Traders are now taking part in opposition rallies. Banners welcoming Miss Benazir Bhutto, the principal opposition figure, were seen in all the leading markets on Thursday. For her part, Miss Bhutto is exploiting the business sector's discontent.

While in Lahore last week she met leading industrialists and businessmen and charged the Government with creating unnecessary hardship for traders and shopkeepers.

Angola peace talks enter crucial phase

From Jan Raath, Harare

The next 20 days is likely to produce the most frenetic series of shuffles yet in the peace negotiations over Angola and Namibia.

The first week of August is the deadline for negotiators from Angola, Cuba, South Africa and the United States to meet again after a "statement of principle" agreed in New York last week at a meeting of lower-level officials.

The next deadline after August is September 29, by which time overall agreement is supposed to have been reached, although diplomatic observers are almost unanimous in the belief that this is impossible. The date is also the 10th anniversary of UN Resolution 435, which set a timetable for the independence of Namibia.

Señor Jorge Risquet Vález, a member of the Politburo of the Cuban Communist Party and President Castro's chief negotiator, tried to evince optimism at a two-hour press conference here last week, when he said agreement by September 29 was "not impossible". Alternately champing on an eight-inch cigar and growling through his interpreter's staccato English, Señor Risquet believes that South Africa is now "serious" about negotiating and acknowledged the "positive role" of the US.

Risquet described the Cuban and Angolan position. The starting points are a withdrawal by South African troops - estimated at between 4,000 and 9,000 - from Angola, coupled with the ending of support by the US and South Africa for Mr Jonas Savimbi's rebel Unita movement, and international guarantees by South Africa that it will not again attack Angola.

Only then would Cuba countenance a simultaneous withdrawal of 55,000 Cuban troops and the implementation of Resolution 435. He said that the UN plan, which includes the withdrawal of South African troops, called for a 12-13 month implementation, while the Cuban withdrawal would take "much longer". This will be the chief sticking point for the South Africans.

The ending of American support for Unita is a precondition for Cuban withdrawal. However, negotiations would be carried out bilaterally between Angola and the US.

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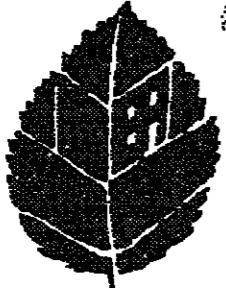
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Crisis weeks in Armenian challenge to Kremlin

June 15, Yerevan - A session of the Armenian supreme soviet sanctioned a resolution criticizing the crimes committed in the city of Sumgait in Azerbaijan. This meeting was not mentioned in the mass media.

June 17, Azerbaijan - A session of the supreme soviet of Azerbaijan was boycotted by the delegates from Nagorno-Karabakh.

June 22, Yerevan - Demonstrations in defence of the jailed Armenian nationalist, Paruir Airikyan. Some 20,000 people gathered in front of the KGB building at 5 pm and later marched to the Procurator's Office, by which time a further 10,000 had gathered at the KGB building. Five

THE SOVIET OPPOSITION

leaders of the demonstration were received by the Deputy Procurator. They demanded that Mr Airikyan's family should be able to visit him, that the "slandorous charges" against him should be abandoned, and that he should be released.

June 23, Yerevan - Mr Airikyan was allowed to meet his two sisters for 30 minutes. They said he was well, but that he was threatened with criminal proceedings. Demonstrations in his defence continued in Yerevan.

July 3, Yerevan - At least 50,000 women held a meeting in the Theatre Square. The local head of the KGB, Kazaryan, urged them to disperse. Several of the women hit him with their umbrellas, calling him a "traitor". The meeting demanded the immediate release of Mr Air-

rikes, demonstrations and riots erupted in Azerbaijan and Armenia in February, following public pressure on the Regional Soviet of Deputies in Stepanakert, the capital of Nagorno-Karabakh. These resulted in the Regional Soviet voting heavily in favour of the region seceding from Azerbaijan and joining Armenia. The first strikes in the two republics were quickly followed by violence which left many people - some reports said thousands - dead and injured. The following events of the past month illustrate how the Soviet Union's greatest postwar constitutional crisis has evolved.

ikyan, who was described as the pride of the Armenian people. The meeting voted in favour of a general strike in support of the demands of the Karabakh movement. About 2,000 demonstrators marched through the streets of Yerevan shouting: "Strike!". In the evening 200,000 people attended a meeting in the Theatre Square where the delegates to the 19th Soviet Communist Party conference spoke of their impressions. The members of the "Committee in the Defence of Paruir Airikyan" spoke of his activities. It was suggested that on July 5 - his 39th birthday - a meeting should be held in Theatre Square. The demonstrators shouted: "Freedom for Paruir Airikyan".

Towards the end of the meeting a representative of the Karabakh Committee announced that July 4 would be the day of a general strike. The Karabakh Committee put forward the demands of the strikers, including an inquiry into the "pogroms" in Sumgait, to be conducted by the Soviet Supreme Court, an end to the blockade of Nagorno-Karabakh, and a guarantee of security for Armenians who live in Azerbaijan. July 4, Yerevan - In the morning tens of thousands of people gathered in Theatre

the building of the Regional Committee beat up demonstrators. July 5, Stepanakert - A group of 450 Armenians working on the construction of this new town, not far from Chernobyl, supported the demands of their striking compatriots. July 5, Yerevan - The workers at the airport joined the strike. The airport was surrounded by Spetsnaz commands. The demonstrators found themselves inside a cordon of troops who wore bulletproof vests and carried shields and truncheons. The road leading to the airport was full of soldiers. Tanks and armoured vehicles stood by the side of the road.

The demonstrators at the airport demanded that the leadership of the airport should react to the demonstration and that Yerevan television should report this in the evening programme. The Secretary of the Communist Party of Armenia, Agayan, promised that he would recognize the strike as lawful, and the Karabakh Committee and the people began to disperse. However, some of the dem-

onstrators started to shout, demanding that the strike should be reported on television that evening. As they stayed behind, the troops burst into the airport building and started to beat up the demonstrators, as well as people who were waiting for their flights. Some troops began to fire at demonstrators and at least four were killed. July 5-6, Yerevan - Ninety-six people were taken to

hospitals after being injured at the airport, and 60 were discharged soon after. This is how a figure of 36 injured was arrived at by the mass media of the republic. The demonstrators with bullet injuries were taken to military hospitals. A group of 250 tourists signed a document in which they testified that the beatings of demonstrators and the shooting began without any warning.

After the reprisals against the demonstrators, the strike at the airport ended. According to information from the "National Union for Self-Determination", on the night of July 5-6, military aircraft were observed landing at the airport, and they were reported to be carrying tanks and armoured cars.

July 6, Yerevan - The general strike continued. Demonstrators carried enlarged photographs of those killed and placards saying: "This is what perestroika gave us", "Killers,



Boris Kevorkov, Secretary of Nagorno-Karabakh region. Abdul Vizirov, Secretary of the party in Azerbaijan.

in support of the Nagorno-Karabakh soviet's decision to separate the region from Azerbaijan and join Armenia. The soviet also voted to change the name of the region to Artsakh, Armenia's ancient name. The soviet vote was 149-7.

The demonstrators also heard that in various regional towns of Armenia and Azerbaijan, Armenian representatives of the Karabakh Committee had been arrested. Several of them have already disappeared without trace, with the security forces denying that they have taken them into custody.

More than 3,000 Komsomol (Communist Youth League) members resigned, saying that they do not want to belong to an organization "where there are SS soldiers responsible for genocide and beatings of innocent citizens". Bus drivers in Yerevan claimed that they were no longer prepared to work, even though soldiers had taken them from their homes and forced them to drive the city's buses at gunpoint.

One of the drivers declared at a meeting in Opera Square: "The interests of Armenia are higher than our lives. We will join the strike!" The Karabakh Committee estimates that more than 95 per cent of the republic's industry has been brought to a halt.

Lithuania restores national flag

Moscow (Reuter) - The authorities in Lithuania have announced that they will grant official status to the scarlet, green and yellow national flag which flew over the Baltic state before its incorporation into the Soviet Union in 1940.

The announcement by the First Secretary of the Lithuanian Communist Party, Mr Algirdas Brazauskas, at a mass meeting in Vilnius on July 9 was met with an ovation and the singing of the Lithuanian national anthem, the republic's party newspaper, *Sovietkaya Litva*, said. "The question of the national flag was considered by the Government and a legal

basis will be established for its favourable resolution very soon." Mr Brazauskas was quoted as saying.

He addressed a gathering of delegates to the recent Moscow party conference and members of the "Initiative Group for the Support of Perestroika", which has called for Lithuanian autonomy over its internal affairs.

Laws still on the statute books which have not been applied recently made the display of the old Lithuanian flag punishable by up to three years in prison. Similar laws were lifted in Estonia last month, allowing the national flag to fly beside the Estonian red flag.

Canadians adopt a more liberal emergencies law

From John Best, Ottawa

Canada has a new and more liberal emergency measures law, aimed at ensuring that civil liberties do not get trampled upon in time of national crisis.

The new statute, recently approved by Parliament after more than a year of study, replaces the draconian War Measures Act, which is associated with some of the worst abuses of individual freedoms in the history of the country.

Among other things the new statute, officially called the Emergencies Act, will make emergency measures adopted by the Government subject to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

This means that limitations on fundamental freedoms will have to meet the test of being reasonable and "demonstrably justifiable in a free and democratic society". The legislation passed with all-party support in the House of Commons after being heavily amended at the committee stage to tighten further safeguards proposed in the original version by the Conservative Government.

The Government also accepted two amendments proposed by the Liberal-dominated Senate. One of these requires that military conscription be imposed through legislation rather than Cabinet Order-in-Council.

Canadians have a collective bad conscience about the War Measures Act, which has been on the statute books since the outset of the First World War, and which will now be repealed.

In the so-called "October Crisis" of 1970 it was invoked to deal with what the Government called an apprehended

insurrection in Quebec province, triggered by the kidnappings of a British trade commissioner and a provincial Cabinet minister by a terrorist group known as the Front de Liberation du Quebec.

Overnight more than 450 suspected revolutionary activists, most of them residents of Montreal, were rounded up by police and put in jail. Nearly all were later released without being charged, after periods of confinement ranging up to several weeks.

The alleged "apprehended insurrection" turned out to be a figment of the Government's imagination.

An even more flagrant abuse of civil rights occurred in the Second World War when the War Measures Act was invoked to justify the internment of more than 20,000 Japanese-Canadians living on the west coast.

The new Act breaks down national emergencies into four categories, ranging from natural disasters such as floods to real or imminent war, and grants specific powers to the Government.

Parliament is to be summoned within seven days after the declaration of an emergency, and given the reasons. If either the Commons or the Senate refuses to confirm the declaration, the emergency will be revoked.

All orders and regulations must be tabled in Parliament within two days of being made, and can be amended or revoked by Parliament at any time. Anyone who suffers loss, injury or damage as a result of measures taken under the Act is entitled to "reasonable compensation".

Floods hit Brazil

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) - Torrential rain has left thousands homeless in north-east Brazil and killed at least eight people in the past week. Police in Recife said as many as 3,000 people were homeless in Pernambuco state, where floods destroyed houses and closed roads. A girl aged 11 drowned trying to cross a stream swollen by rain in Salvador in Bahia state.

Ferry sinks: Ten people died and at least 20 were missing after a ferry carrying more than 100 people hit the wreckage of another boat and sank at the mouth of the River Amazon.

Catalan blasts Politician shot

Barcelona (Reuter) - Two people were injured when three bombs exploded in towns near here. A fourth bomb was defused. The Catalan separatist group, Terra Lliure, claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Colombo (Reuter) - Mr Gamini Tudawe, a Sri Lankan Communist Party youth organizer who returned home recently after two years in the Soviet Union, was shot dead by gunmen who stormed his home in Southern province.

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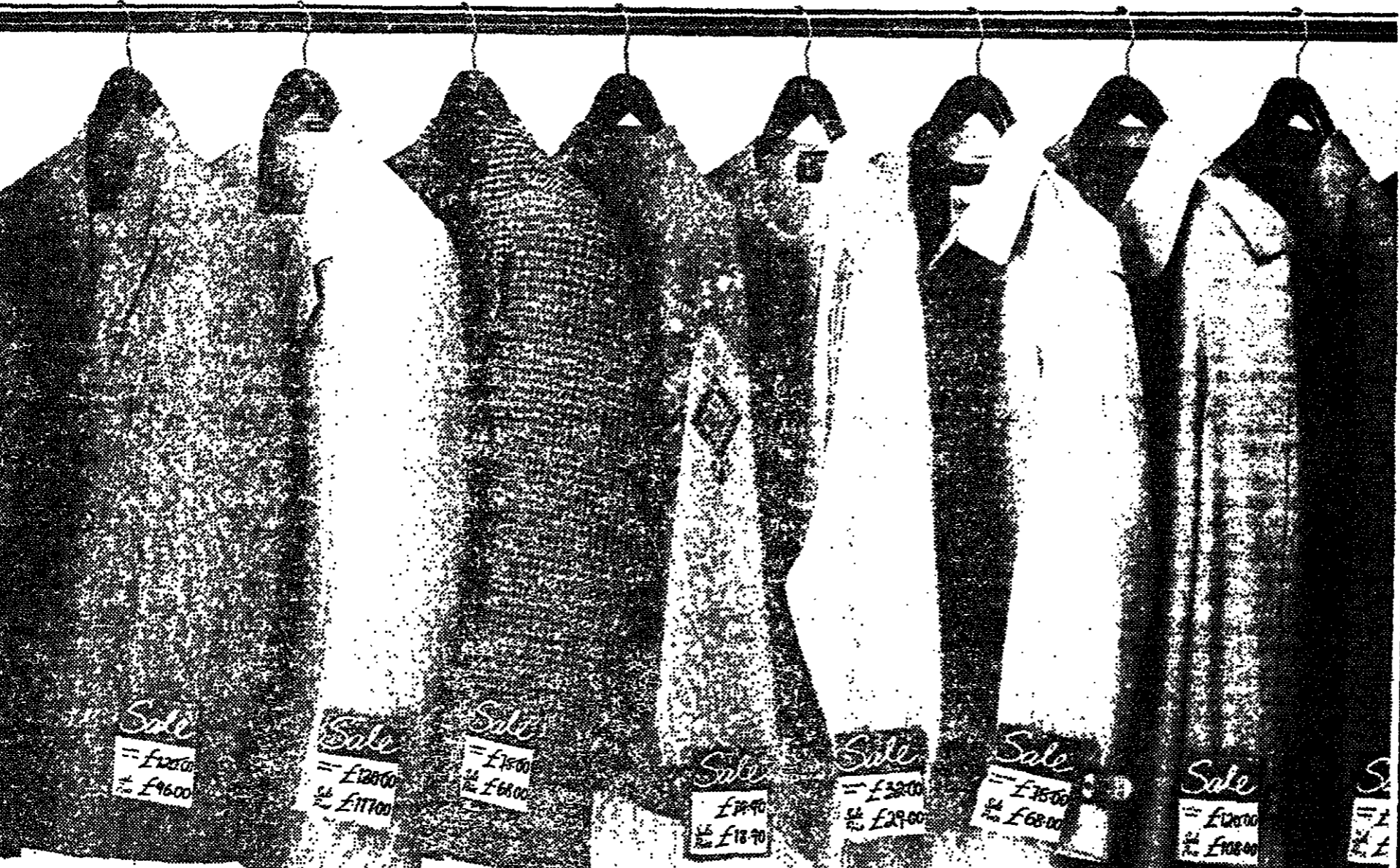
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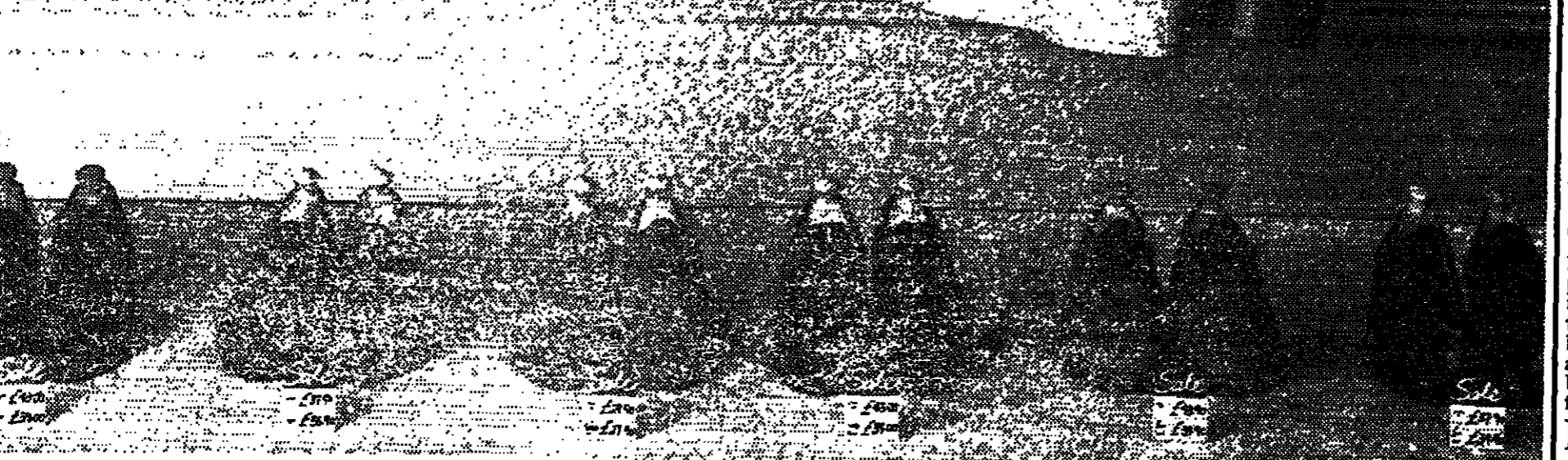
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Visit of Soviet leader boosts Jaruzelski's status in Warsaw Pact

Gorbachov's silence on sensitive topics dashes Polish hopes

From Richard Bassett, Warsaw

As Mr Mikhail Gorbachov and the leaders of the Warsaw Pact departed from the Polish capital at the weekend, Nato diplomats as well as Poles cast around for some sign that anything of lasting significance or substance had taken place.

... Roles, who had eagerly awaited Mr Gorbachov's first tour of Poland, felt they had been cheated. "No Katyn, no deportations, no Polish-Soviet war," said an old Polish woman, crossing off on her fingers the sensitive topics in Polish-Soviet history that Mr Gorbachov had so conspicuously failed to mention.

... His six-day tour had taken him to Szczecin and Cracow. That it was free of any disturbance was in part due to the strict security paralyzing entire city centres which Mr Gorbachov was visiting, and preventing any contact with ordinary Poles.

... But the lack of hostility was also the result of a widespread sympathy for Mr Gorbachov, and hopes that he would take the opportunity to admit the Soviet Union's guilt for the Katyn massacre in which 10,000 Polish officers were murdered on Stalin's orders. In the event, Mr Gorbachov's long-awaited speech in the

Polish parliament barely touched on any issues of the past.

It was left to General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, to make an oblique reference to these issues by admitting publicly for the first time that he himself had been deported by the Russians to the Soviet Union when Poland was partitioned in 1939 by the Nazis and their Soviet allies.

There can be no doubt that General Jaruzelski's prestige has been enhanced by Mr Gorbachov's visit, not only among Polish communists but also within the Warsaw Pact. The sympathy which was so visible between the general and Mr Gorbachov throughout was a clear sign that Moscow at present will not tolerate the general's removal.

It was significant that Mr Karoly Grosz, the Hungarian Prime Minister, held long talks with General Jaruzelski on Saturday and it was another indication of the general's prestige that he was reported to be the principal architect of the Warsaw Pact proposals which emerged after the two-day summit.

These proposals, however, were as disappointing to Nato as Mr Gorbachov's visit was

for many Poles. Despite the expectations — encouraged by Eastern bloc sources — that the three new proposals would make a big contribution towards ending the conventional disarmament deadlock, the summit's communiqué was remarkably bland.

Vaguely worded calls for a "radical reduction" of military strengths, to ensure the remaining forces were only "indispensable for defence but insufficient for offensive operations" were meaningless without detailed proposals.

Speculation that steps would be taken soon towards withdrawing Soviet troops in Hungary was not confirmed by the communiqué.

The three-stage reduction in forces which formed its crux is based on the principle of equality between the two opposing forces. This question of parity has always been frustrated, however, by the linked issue of data and the precise numbers of troops involved. Although the communiqué offered a "mutual exchange of adequate data" it is unlikely that this exchange could ever persuade Nato to believe the Soviet Union's own estimates of its forces stationed in Central and Eastern Europe.



General Jaruzelski, left, and Mr Gorbachov clasp hands in a warm farewell as the Soviet leader, accompanied by his wife Raisa, prepared to return to Moscow after their Polish visit.

Serbia rift widens with region's call to sack party chief

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

Fears of an impending constitutional crisis in Yugoslavia rose at the weekend when heads of the autonomous region of Vojvodina in northern Serbia demanded the removal of Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the controversial Serbian leader.

He has already been rebuked by Belgrade for his hardline nationalism. Serbia is the only Yugoslav constituent republic which, because of numerous ethnic groups, has two autonomous regions. Under the Constitution, Vojvodina and Kosovo — an ethnic Albanian area — are also parts of the national federation.

That situation has led to widespread friction, with Serbia now striving to extend its influence over defence, security and justice in Vojvodina — moves which the region fiercely opposes.

Mr Milosevic was accused by party chiefs in Vojvodina of declaring war and "a struggle to the death" against all who rejected his ideas.

Mr Djordje Stajsic, a member of the regional committee, told an emergency national party meeting that, unless Mr Milosevic was stopped, the country would be threatened by a dangerous outbreak of nationalist sentiment.

The region claims that its autonomy would be effectively lost if Mr Milosevic were to get his way.

He has been increasing his pressure on the two regions to accept full Serbian jurisdiction on the ground that in Kosovo the minority Serbs are discriminated against and do not enjoy full civil rights.

In a recent speech Mr Milosevic clearly signalled his determination to carry his proposals through, declaring that Serbia would either become a republic like the other five in Yugoslavia "or there will be no Serbia". Such rhetoric has outraged the leaders of the two regions, who accuse him of aiming to create a "greater Serbia" and impose central Serbian rule on them.

The Vojvodina leadership appealed to Belgrade to block Mr Milosevic's plans. Mr Stajsic warned: "If he is not stopped, who knows where this would lead to?"

The Serbian leader was also accused of dealing ruthlessly with anyone who disagreed with him.

Having last year ousted his former mentor, Mr Ivan Stambolic, he has purged the leadership of all his opponents and has shaped a totally compliant press. Recently seven prominent journalists were either ousted or demoted from the party simply because they were critical of him.

Mr Milosevic's nationalistic policies are especially popular among the minority Serbs in Kosovo, who regard him as a personal guarantor of their protection from the region's ethnic Albanians.

He is clearly relying on them in his fight to break the opposition in Vojvodina, whose Serbian leadership he accuses of playing up to Albanian separatists.

Letter from Cheju Island

Self-help success built on a wreck

When you are a penniless priest barely surviving on a windswept volcanic isle in the East China Sea, providence may assume curious forms.

For Father Patrick McGlinchey, it came on a stormy night in the shape of a ship on a gun-running mission to Vietnam. To the subsequent delight of the young Columban missionary, it ran aground on his remote parish off the south coast of South Korea.

Father McGlinchey, who had neither house nor church, quickly discovered that the ill-fated San Mateo was carrying more than guns and bombs for French forces fighting the Viet Minh. It was loaded with heavy wooden beams to prevent its cargo from shifting, and the generous American sailors said he might have them if he could get them ashore before the ship's owners arrived in three days.

It was a wee bit of a problem, there wasn't a Catholic in the place," he

board of the Isidore Development Association, a flourishing co-operative farm of 3,000 acres with 2,000 cattle and 2,000 sheep. It is named after the 12th-century Spanish farm labourer who is supposed to have done the work of three men with the help of angels. A statue of this saintly figure adorns the entrance to Father McGlinchey's farm as an inspiration to its workers.

Innovations include an animal feed mill, a cheese factory and an abattoir. Thousands of farmers visit its training school, and a self-financing credit union which Father McGlinchey founded has 20,000 members.

A few miles down the road in the fishing village of Halim, Sister Rosari from Co Mayo supervises a hand-weaving mill, where 42 local girls produce tweeds and blankets on looms made by island craftsmen from a photograph of an Irish original. More than 800 elderly and handicapped women, widows and orphans have been enlisted to knit Irish sweaters and shawls in their homes.

Profits from the two ventures finance a variety of charitable projects. At Halim, a clinic run by a Korean doctor and a Columban sister treats about 100 patients a day, handicraft classes are given for handicapped girls, and an old people's club organizes social evenings and weekend outings.

In the hills, the image of Saint Isidore looks down on the construction of a complex of modern bungalows for the elderly and destitute.

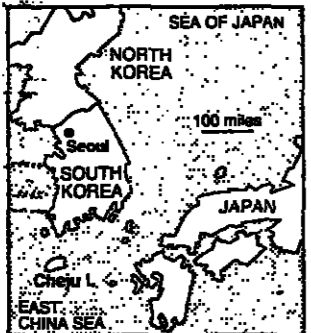
The essence of Father McGlinchey's strategy has been to initiate projects, solicit government support, and then hand them over to the locals. "It was a question of helping the farmers to survive with dignity. I was always against throwing aid at them. That's insulting, it treats them like beggars. Thus 230 small farms and 10,000 pigs dotted around the lower slopes of Mount Hallasan, South Korea's highest peak, have proud new owners.

A few years ago Father McGlinchey was summoned to Manila to receive the Magsaysay, a form of Asian Nobel prize. "That was grand," he recalls. "It helped to raise funds."

Missions often descend on the green fields and dry stone walls of the upland pastures and the rocky coasts below, transforming them into a haunting image of rural Ireland. The sight of a genial giant in priest's garb striding purposefully along the country lanes heightens the illusion.

At the age of 60, a fine figure of a man still, Father McGlinchey has no thoughts of leaving his far-flung parish. "Ah no, it looks like we'll be here till death us do part... if we live that long. The little church that the San Mateo built is long gone, but its timbers still serve as roof supports for a new chapel built of stone.

If any of the mission's early benefactors would care to visit it, a big man with white hair and an undiluted Irish accent would be delighted to see them.



recalls. Word of his plight spread around the community and, to his astonishment, villagers turned out in their hundreds to strip the vessel of its precious timber in a scene reminiscent of *Whisky Galore*.

The church was duly constructed by willing helpers, followed by a house, and there was enough timber left over for a parish hall.

That was in 1954, shortly after Father McGlinchey arrived from his native Donegal to bring Christianity to the impoverished farmers and fishermen of Cheju Island, a day's boat-ride from the Korean mainland.

He found a hospitable but primitive people, in a state of shock after a five-year communist insurgency in which thousands were executed by "people's courts" and massacred by equally ruthless government militia. The mud and straw huts with thatches of grass had no piped water, and suicide was often the only escape from debts which could never be paid.

When Father McGlinchey, the son and brother of country vets, tried to improve their lot he learned his first Korean expression: "An Demnida (it won't work)." The sense of hopelessness was total.

Eventually he adopted the philosophy of Geronimo, who is supposed to have said: "The way to cross a river is to cross it." "I stopped talking, headed for the hills, and just got on with it. I'd get stuck into a project, flounder about a bit, and then get a few experts in."

With the aid of volunteers from Ireland, Scotland and New Zealand — "boys from the farms, not high-alutun degree types" — Father McGlinchey has crossed a lot of rivers since then.

He is now chairman of the

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SPECTRUM

Home is where the hard sell is

The Government has plans to make Britain's booming estate agents live up to their honeyed words. Alan Franks looks at the need for a code of practice

Late last year Kenneth Ross, a 26-year-old design engineer in Petersfield, Hampshire, put in an offer on a three-bedroom property through the town's High Street branch of Gascoigne-Pees, a member of the Black Horse group of estate agents. When he had a survey done, it showed that if the lounge were really the size it was claimed to be in the agency's printed particulars, it would not have fitted into the width of the house.

Further investigations revealed it was not only the lounge that was "out", but also the five other rooms. In fact, so large were the discrepancies that the total floor area of the six rooms was in reality only about three-quarters of the total advertised.

Kenneth Ross's story is far from unique. Room sizes represent one of the most frequent causes for complaint in the long list of house-buyers' grievances. But if Britain's dogged army of trading standards officers gets its way, estate agents will no longer be able to paint, in words or figures, grossly misleading pictures of the properties on their books and skate clear of criminal prosecution.

In a fresh attempt to bring these masters of hyperbole into line with the rest of the trading community, members of the officers' professional association have started a campaign to alter existing legislation so that estate agents will be answerable under the 1968 Trade Descriptions Act.

Although two previous similar initiatives, conducted through the channels of Private Member's Bills, have failed, the Institute of Trading Standards Administration (ITSA) believes it now has a greater chance of success than ever before. The reason for its optimism lies in the fact that the current explosion in the housing market has made estate agents —



Home, sweet home: Kenneth Ross in his new lounge, which the estate agent's particulars expanded by two feet in each direction; and right, how the other rooms in the house seemed to grow and grow on paper

particularly the unestablished ones spawned by the boom — less than meticulous.

The stock of the property middleman, already notorious for his ready use of rose-tinted spectacles, has never been lower, and it was as a result of reports of widespread malpractice that the Consumers Affairs Minister, John Butcher, made known at the weekend his plan to call representatives of the profession's leading bodies in to the Department of Trade and Industry to attempt to draw up a voluntary code of practice to eliminate unsatisfactory business methods.

Seeking something more binding than a voluntary code, the 1,500-strong ITSA decided at its annual conference in Scarborough last month to mount another assault. The first move in its new campaign, through its members attached to local authorities, will be to urge buyers to let them know of anything that smacks of deliberate deception. Instances like the following will be welcome fodder:

- The brochure that expunged, at the stroke of a pen, the six-storey office block breathing down the neck of a west London semi.
- The blurb which hinted that a north Wales front garden would make an ideal car port, when the local authority had already refused permission for one to be built.
- The house surrounded by its "own" path, part of which was a public right of way.

The ITSA intends to submit its findings to the DTI before the end of the year. At the same time, and under its own steam, another watchdog organization, the Consumers' Association, is planning a similar drive for next year, and is already trawling for grievances.

On the face of it, the most surprising voice now being raised in support of the ITSA and the publishers of *Which* magazine comes from none other than the estate agents themselves — or, at least, the more respectable end of the market, which sees not only its business but also its reputation threatened by the "cowboys".

It is not the agents from which customers are suffering so much as the particulars

This makes for a formidable triad of professionals, pressurizers and practitioners; but in the case of the estate agents, it is not a splendid example of the poacher turned gamekeeper? Trevor Kent, the blunt and unabashed vice-president of the National Association of Estate Agents, retorts that it was never their intention, still less their doing, to be exempt from the Trade Descriptions Act.

"We would have no objection whatsoever to being included in the provisions," he says. "Remember that as things stand we are subject to the Misrepresentation Act, which entitles

a customer to compensation if he can show that he has suffered an actual loss as a result of deliberately fraudulent information."

Is he aware of any prosecutions having been brought under that law?

"No, but I stress that if an estate agent is intentionally misdescribing something, then our association would definitely wish to see action taken."

Kent reckons that his association represents about 80 per cent of the 18,000 estate agents' branches in the United Kingdom, and that the number of branches operating has risen by as many as 3,000 in the past five years. "I would not say, as a general rule, that it is the agents from which customers are suffering, so much as the particulars," he said, and then produced an even more extraordinary claim: "The particular has really become like the butt of a music-hall joke, and to some extent that has fallen into the role created by the public."

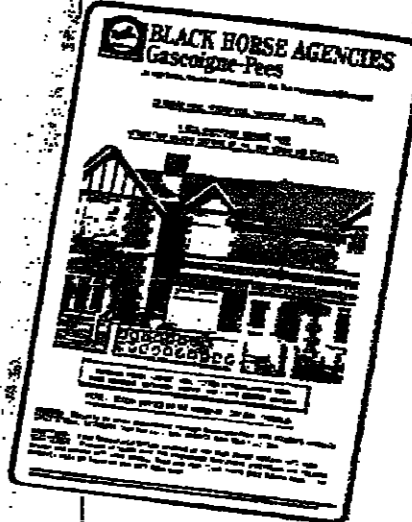
The present, apparently absurd, situation has been allowed to

continue partly because estate agents, unlike purveyors of goods and services, are not actually selling their own stock but merely acting on behalf of the vendor. For whatever reason, the anomaly has so far failed to catch the imagination of Parliament. If Kent is right, and as buyers and sellers have somehow connived in creating the florid jargon (garden flat for basement, studio for bedsit, and so on), does it mean that we also have to mentally "mark down" descriptions of specific aspects of the property as offered on the literature?

Yes, says David Tench, legal officer of the Consumers' Association — especially with room sizes. "Rightly or wrongly, people do tend to take them as gospel," he says, "and they should be very careful."

In the end, Kenneth Ross did buy his Petersfield house, dealing with the agency's local manager, Grant Chapell. When asked on Friday about the discrepancies, Chapell said that he himself had not taken the measurements of the

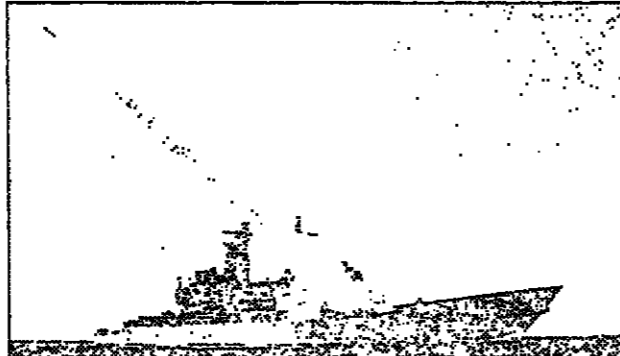
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Bedroom 2	14'5"x13'3"	12'x11'7"
Bedroom 3	10'8"x9'5"	9'6"x8'
Totals	1,141sq ft	858sq ft

TOMORROW

Inside Aegis How could the Vincennes get it wrong? A report from the heart of the Aegis battle system



Rain stops play — again

The Great British Sporting Summer began and ended on May 14, the day of the FA Cup Final — when, as ever for the annual showpiece of the nation's winter game, the weather was gorgeous. Since then, the sporting calendar has told an almost unremitting tale of woe.

There may have been a long-distance augury in the odd behaviour of the weather at the year's first major international sporting tournament, the Winter Games in Calgary in February. The opening ceremony took place in a temperature of -23°C. Less than 24 hours later the Chinook wind had roared up from the Gulf of Mexico and over the Rockies to bring the temperature up to 6° above.

Strong winds played havoc with the skiers. In England, June 2 saw the start of the first Test match against West Indies, at Trent Bridge. England, under Mike Gatting, managed a draw, but the match was severely disrupted by rain. The second

Today's golf Open is the latest casualty of a storm-damaged summer of sport

Test, at Lord's a fortnight later, was spoiled by bad light and England, now under John Emburey, suffered their first defeat of the summer, while the crowd showed its displeasure at the continual stoppages by showering the pitch with seat cushions. Then came Wimbledon's tennis fortnight and the Henley Royal Regatta, both of which ended in sodden confusion as the torrential rain descended on the weekend of July 2 and 3. Wimbledon witnessed play on the extra Monday for the first time since 1963: the men's final and all the doubles finals were held over, and while Stefan Edberg was overcoming Boris Becker on Centre Court the other finals were being played — for the first time — on Courts 1 and 2 in case the weather intervened again.

This year, for the first time, Wimbledon had a "rain check" policy to partially appease disgruntled spectators. The system guarantees priority tickets for the following year on the same day and court, but only on two show courts, and they must be paid for again. There are no refunds at Wimbledon, which takes out insurance against wet weather in order to receive compensation for poor attendances. A "pluvius" insurance policy also protects the Test and County Cricket Board should rain wipe out a day's play at Test matches — for which spectators can claim back their money. The TCCB has had to claim only once in four years, however — after last year's Test match at Old Trafford. This year's Old Trafford Test saw England lose again, and the end of Emburey's brief reign. Had the sun shone, they

would have been beaten in three and a half days. As it was, they lingered on until lunchtime on the last day, hoping for rain to save them. Inevitably, precisely three minutes after their last wicket had fallen, so did the rain.

The soaked last day at Henley had no effect on the hardy competitors, but crowds of more than 20,000 people turned the grassy banks of the Thames into a quagmire.

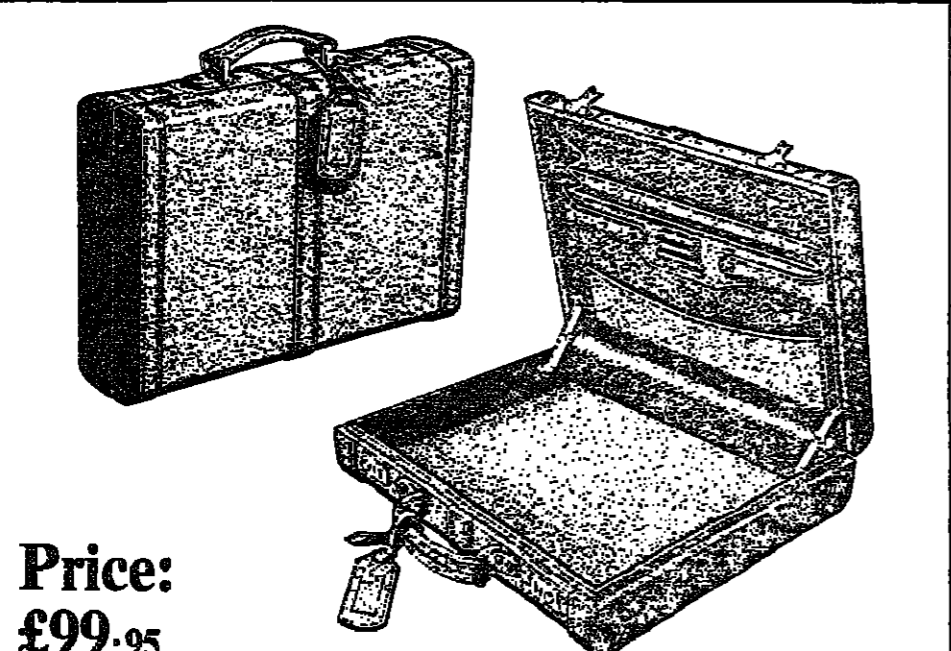
It rained last weekend upon the British Grand Prix at Silverstone, turning the race into a dangerous nightmare for some but a dream come true for Britain's Nigel Mansell, who knew that inclement weather would improve the prospects for his less powerful car. He finished second, made his first appearance of the season on the victory rostrum, and may well be the only sportsman to whom an extraordinary series of gloomy weekends has brought a positive dividend.

Steve Acteson Open golf report, page 36



Weekend wash-out: Lythan's golfing chase

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SCIENCE REPORT

Protein path links cancer studies

A common thread linking different elements of human cancer has emerged from two sets of experiments described in this week's issues of Nature and of the US journal Cell. By drawing together two very different fields of research and suggesting a common pathway in the development of disparate cancers, the experiments will strengthen hopes for a general strategy to combat the disease. Sceptics might well have doubted that studying adenovirus, a common human cold virus that can cause cancer in animals, or simian virus 40, an apparently harmless monkey virus, would help in understanding human cancer. But Ed Harlow, of Cold Spring Harbor, New York, and David Livingston, of the Dana Farber Institute, Boston, have proved the sceptics wrong. For years, Harlow has been trying to understand how proteins made by adenovirus stimulate cells to grow indefinitely in the laboratory. He, with others, has found that the adenovirus proteins (called "transforming" proteins) that alter the behaviour of cells achieve this effect by attaching

themselves to proteins made by the cell. Harlow's hunch was that the virus interacts with proteins whose normal function is to limit cell growth. In cancer, cell growth is unrestrained and helter-skelter, although in normal cells there is something which holds it in check. But what can the "something" be? Cancer researchers have for many years been interested in the genes, known as tumour suppressor genes, that appear to prevent the development of cancer. Their existence was first suspected when normal cells were fused with cancer cells and the characteristics of cancer cells were found to be suppressed. It is likely that, in the several human cancers for which inherited genetic defects confer a high risk of developing the disease, the inactivation of tumour-suppressing genes is a key step. The rare childhood cancer of the eye called retinoblastoma is one of those in which researchers have been able to identify and isolate the particular gene involved. When that was first done five years

ago, Harlow noticed similarities with one of the cell proteins that he found associated with the adenovirus transforming protein. Were they the same? It seemed a long shot, but careful experiments, reported in this week's Nature, have now shown that the two proteins are, indeed, identical. Similar experiments, reported by David Livingston in this week's Cell, show that the transforming protein from simian virus 40 also binds to the protein that is missing in retinoblastoma. In the development of eye cancer in retinoblastoma patients, both copies of the gene controlling the production of this same protein are either deleted or disabled, which leads to loss of growth control and hence cancer. The associations reported by Livingston and Harlow suggest that certain viruses achieve the same effect, but by physically mopping up the protein made from normal copies of the tumour suppressor gene. Already there are indications that the protein knocked out in retinoblastoma is important in preventing other cancers as well. Individuals carrying

inherited defects that make them susceptible to retinoblastoma are also more prone to develop bone cancer and soft tissue cancer, showing that other types of tissue can be affected. And a report in last week's Science suggests that absence of this protein may be important in some breast cancers. These developments are bound to stimulate further research. If two ostensibly unrelated viruses target the same cell protein, may not other viruses follow the same strategy for overriding the cellular controls on growth? Researchers have in fact identified the particular piece of virus protein required to neutralize the cancer-suppressing protein, and are on the lookout for similar regions in other viruses. Already they have found one such region in the transforming protein of the human papilloma virus, one of the few viruses known to be involved in cancer of the cervix. Penelope Austin © Nature-Thomas Nelson Service 1988

Tomorrow: The ras gene

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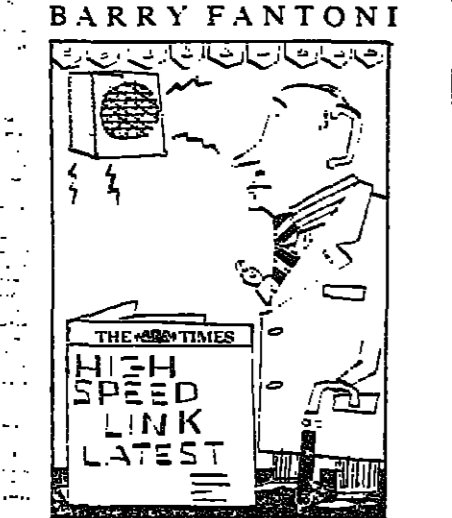
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Richard Shepherd spells out the dangers in Government thinking Secrets: freedom at risk

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regardless of whether harm resulted. A journalist reporting the name of an innocent person whose phone was tapped in error would face up to two years in jail...

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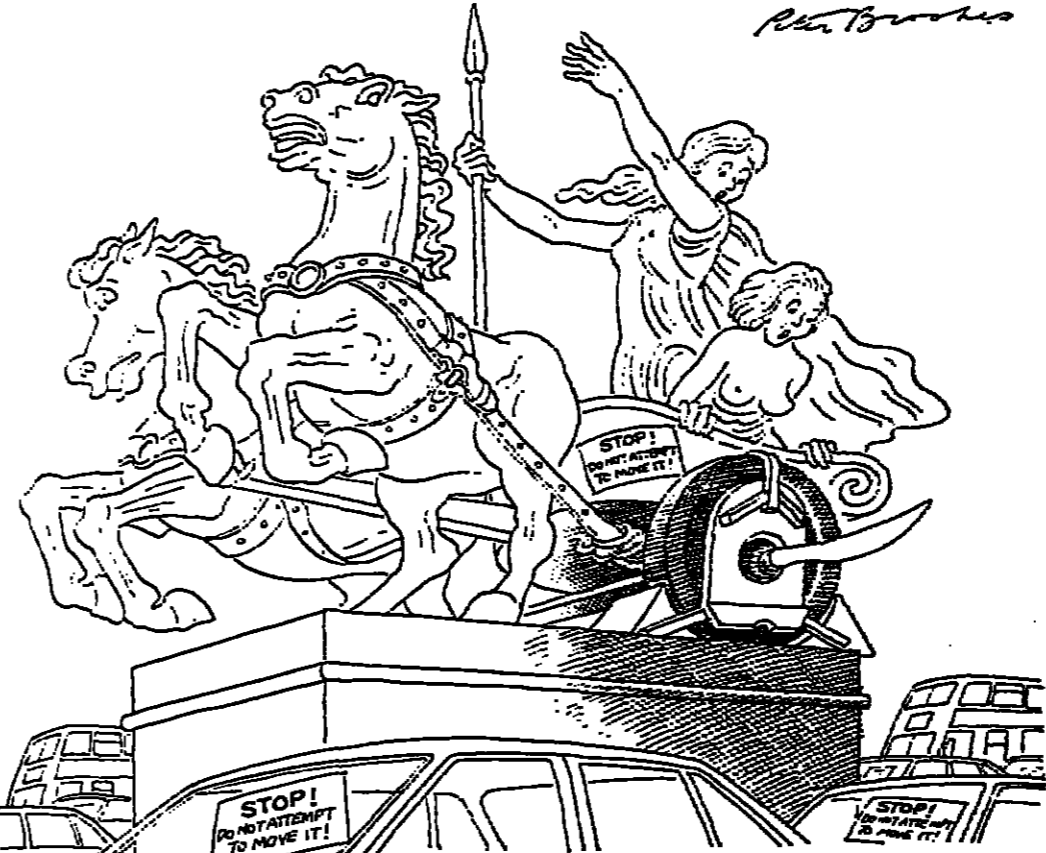
formation. Abuses of authority may be pursued by Parliament, but they are rarely revealed by it. We rely on the newspapers and their sources to expose official incompetence...

Peter Hall

How to get London moving

It is one of London's best-known sights, for it is the overseas tourist's first view on breaking through the clouds on the approach into Heathrow...

no need for a strategic transport planning agency for London — there was, but the GLC had failed to fill the role. Its demise has meant an effective vacuum in transport planning for London...

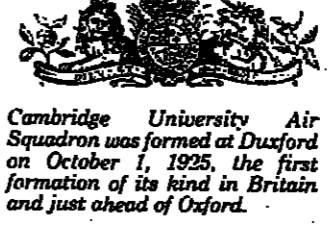


ing transport services, including the social costs. First, we should be investing more, much more, in new roads and in better public transport alike...

Tokyo, as low as 25mph. As there, they should preferably be underground or, if elevated, the spaces underneath should be filled with shops and offices...

effective deployment: fewer marching around the back streets, more travelling in golf carts — like their American counterparts — along the main arteries...

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Cambridge University Air Squadron was formed at Duxford on October 1, 1925, the first formation of its kind in Britain and just ahead of Oxford...

Commentary • ARTHUR SELDON

Treasury of rusty dogma

"Practical men," J.M. Keynes insisted, "are usually the slaves of some defunct economist."

Marxist economics, Piero Sraffa. So the three were closely linked. The danger for economic thought and policy is that their dictionary will have influence both when it is wrong as well as when it is right...

judge the dictionary favourably by a tiny sample of entries on their own particular subject (as was the case with a distinguished monetarist, an historian of economic thought and a libertarian economist, all severe critics of the Eatwell school)...

ics, for good or ill, its neglect or tendentious teaching can damage national well-being. Much of the interviewing on television and radio, questioning in opinion polls and parliamentary debates is of poor economic quality. The right questions are not being asked in the current reformulations of policy on education, medical care, housing, social security, local government, the bureaucracy and privatization...

sent on their first lone flights on arrival in camp. It so happens that three new members, who had no previous training, have attacked camp this year and have learned to fly here. Altogether 47 pupils have made their first solo flights at this camp and most of them have continued into the aerobatic and cross-country stages...



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE POWER QUESTION

Other great political revolutions have been violent, disruptive, breaches with the past. The revolution whose tercentenary will be commemorated when the Queen goes to Westminster Hall this week deserves the description "Glorious" principally because it was none of these things.

It settled a great political question without bloodshed and without repudiating the past. No new general statement of principles was made. Nor, with one great exception, was much new written into the corpus of *ad hoc* enactments and tradition that serve as our Constitution.

That exception, however, was crucial. In passing the Crown from the legitimate and Catholic James II (and his heirs) to James's son-in-law and daughter, William and Mary of Orange, Parliament formally established a right to dispose of the succession to the Crown according to rules of its own making. In place of the older concept of a monarch's inalienable hereditary right to the throne was entrenched an implied but clear notion of contract.

As the contemporary John Locke saw it, if rulers broke the conditions by which free and equal citizens gave the power of government to their rulers in trust, power again "developed into the hands of those who gave it". This doctrine, he applied not only to the power of Parliament over the Crown but to that of the people over Parliament. If a Parliament misused its "fiduciary" power it could be removed or altered by the people.

To the aristocratic revolutionaries of 1688 that was an uncomfortable idea. For it had not, in fact, been a Parliament which drove King James out of England (none was in being at the time) but a group of magnates, Tories as Whigs who purported to act for the people in inviting William to defend England's liberties.

More significantly, Locke's notion of a contract between Parliament and people also anticipated the then still distant time when parliaments and governments could indeed be changed by a vote of all adult citizens. Parliamentary democracy is the child of the supremacy of parliamentary power over the Crown established in 1688.

The great question under the Stuarts had been whether Crown or Parliament should have the last political word. It had long been tradition that Parliament alone could grant taxation in return for the king's legislating to remedy his subjects' grievances. But it had also been taken for granted that government was the business of the king and ministers responsible only to him.

But they were expected to govern more or less acceptably to Parliament. This the Stuarts had conspicuously failed to do. Their policies were not always "wrong" nor Parliament's always "right". The issue was not the merit of policy but power.

It was, above all, Charles II's attempt to secure his freedom of political action by raising taxation without parliamentary agreement that destroyed him. Nothing had been done at the

Restoration of 1660 to settle the power question. Charles II had managed to live with the contradictions and James had succeeded to the throne, despite the attempts that had been made to exclude him as a Catholic. His only Parliament had had a pliant Tory pro-Crown majority.

But Tories were also Anglicans and constitutionalists. They were alarmed by James's appointment of Catholic army officers. His suspension of the Test Act, which excluded Catholics from public office by making it conditional on taking the Anglican sacrament, seemed to put all parliamentary law at risk. Not least he tried to pack a new Parliament with his own sympathisers. The last straw was the birth of a son to the king which seemed to ensure a Catholic succession.

So, reluctantly, they acquiesced in a revolution which, unlike previous practice in England, produced no fictions to disguise what had happened. A Convention Parliament, called by no king, offered the throne to William and Mary along with a Declaration of Rights which declared the throne vacant by James's alleged abdication.

Even so, most of the "rights" asserted, including the statements that taxation should be levied only by parliamentary grant, that Parliaments should be frequent and that its debates should be free, had long been accepted parliamentary claims. Nor was the "solemn compact" between the new sovereigns and the people (in the words of the Lords' Address to the Queen this week) openly acknowledged. Yet if Parliament could dispose of the Crown it could do anything.

It was not, as Macaulay saw it, a Whig revolution that immediately enshrined Whig ideals. In the ensuing years, Tories and Whigs took part in government and William preferred mixed administrations. Not until the Hanoverians came did the Tories go into the political wilderness.

Equally, the king still governed as the head of the political executive. Yet those historians who now diminish the revolution on the grounds that the aristocratic regime and monarchical power survived it disregard its true significance, the overthrow of arbitrary power.

Though the old social regime survived political change was real. Even the extent to which William retained executive power ultimately assisted change; the cost and financing of his French war was finally established the government's dependence on parliamentary supply. Henceforth, ministries would come and go according to whether they had majorities in the Commons.

Yet the political system whose benefits we enjoy was not the outcome of that single event but of a continuum which started long before it and still had far to go. It is revolution to commemorate above all because it recognized that the right way into the future was to build on the best of the past.

MESSAGE TO MR MOORE

The DHSS has a shelf full of dusty studies and reports under the heading of "community care". For many years governments have been committed to the theory of running down long-stay institutions for the elderly and the mentally handicapped; and of replacing them with a wide range of different types of care, all much closer to the local community and offering the best possible chance of normal life.

But on the shelf is where the good ideas remain. As Sir Roy Griffiths, the most recent analyst of the problem, has pointed out: "in few areas can the gap between political rhetoric and policy, or between policy and reality in the field have been so great".

Sir Roy is a man much admired in Downing Street for his practical ideas for applying Thatcherism to social affairs. Moreover, his findings are backed by one from the Audit Commission, the body enjoined by the Government to bring efficiency and value-for-money to local authorities.

But still the Government is not impressed with the need to act. The result, as the Commission pointed out last week, is hugely costly wastage both in terms of misdirected social security payments and human potential.

The core of the problem is that insufficient alternative provision has been made available as long-stay hospitals have closed. Many former residents face an unhappy and confused existence in bed-and-breakfast accommodation with little or no professional help — a fact graphically exposed in the award-winning series on the plight of schizophrenics in *The Times* in 1985.

The money previously spent in the NHS on these institutions was siphoned off elsewhere into the health service and did not follow their residents into the community. Worse, the benefit system positively encouraged the wrong type of provision by rewarding residential care and penalizing other forms of assistance which might both be cheaper and more suited to the individual's needs.

Enter Sir Roy, with a brief to "review the way in which public funds are used to support community care policy". After a year's work the Commission has first made in 1986 and

recommended a solution. Money now spent within the NHS, he said, should be separated and transferred to social service departments of local councils as the patients themselves moved. They, in turn, must prepare coherent local plans for spending the money, which would come in the form of specific grants with carefully tied strings attached. There should be changes, too, in the benefit system to remove the institutional bias.

This was, it would appear, the wrong answer. The Government buried the report — issuing it without a press conference on the day after the Budget while Sir Roy himself was in hospital. It set up an interdepartmental committee to review the issue again — this time under the direct control of the Secretary of State at the DHSS, Mr John Moore.

The key issue at the centre of any practical study of community care is whether to assign primary responsibility to local social services departments. The trouble with Griffiths — in the Government's eyes at least — was that it could be portrayed as a U-turn in government relations with local authorities.

Yet it would require no major changes in an already close relationship between local social services departments and the DHSS. The grants could be withheld or redirected if the authority refused — or failed — to meet the national objectives.

The problem is urgent. Month by month more old and handicapped people are landing on the doorsteps of local councils. In some places, particularly in inner London, services are close to collapse.

Ministers will one day have to act as though they truly believe their policies will work. Local government has been under pressure to give up its ambition of providing all services itself. A new pattern is being forged in which councils plan, organize and monitor services but ask others (voluntary groups as well as the private sector) to provide.

Community care — a local responsibility if anything is — should be the test bed for the "new" town halls. Mrs Thatcher should tell Mr Moore to scrap his interdepartmental committee and implement Sir Roy's recommendations.

Church traditions

From Father Paul J. Nicholas
Sir, In your leader today you state, "those who threaten or blackmail (the Church) must now realise that further pressure of that sort has been discounted in advance. They have had their say." You also refer to the Church of England as always being prepared to modify its practice to meet contemporary needs.

Once again the media seems to miss the point. When I was ordained in St David's Cathedral in 1975 I was not ordained into the priesthood of the Church in Wales. I was ordained into the priesthood of the church of God.

Lawyers' language

From Mr Michael G. Martin
Sir, Whilst not wishing to cast any aspersions on the work performed by my noble and learned friend Sir George Engle (July 9) during his time as a legislative draftsman, I am nonetheless reminded of a rhyme conveyed to me by my administrative law lecturer many moons ago.

I'm the Parliamentary Draftsman,
I draft the country's laws,
And of half the litigation
I'm undoubtedly the cause!
Yours respectfully,
MICHAEL G. MARTIN,
1/45 Bronesbury Road,
Kilburn, NW6.

Controls on rise in property values

From Mr Timothy Jackson-Stops
Sir, It is with concern that one sees the discussions of "think tanks" on house values being leaked, as it may be organised to acclimatise the public to future fiscal changes.

Steep house price rises have caused the subject to be scrutinised and this scrutiny should reveal that these rises have stemmed from London becoming an international city and beginning the spiral, easy credit, greater company profitability, higher wages and less tax. All these are now history and equilibrium will be reached.

If London started the large increases, the levelling-off of prices now seen in the metropolis will fan out to the countryside, just as price rises did. So the Government should not be panicked into a tax on house values, it is too heavy-handed.

The free market will control itself as interest rates rise, making lenders more choosy and the heat in the housing market dissipate.

Nor should it be thought that the poll tax will make a difference to house prices. In my experience no one considers rates to any great extent in buying a house, so their demise and replacement by a poll tax is immaterial as far as house prices are concerned.

Yours faithfully,
TIMOTHY JACKSON-STOPS,
(Chairman, Jackson-Stops & Staff),
4 Curzon Street, W1,
July 12.

From Mr S. G. Tilley
Sir, Concern about the distortion caused to the economy by the overinflated domestic property market is understandable. However, the catalogue of remedies emerging is as usual quite hilarious. To create new classes of taxation to contain the situation can only please those who will be employed to collect it.

The simplest solution would be to impose a limit on the amount a bank or building society can advance for house purchase in the future. A not unreasonable scale

would be to impose no limit up to £70,000 which should leave first-time buyers unaffected, then from £70,000 to £120,000 65 per cent and thereafter 50 per cent. To take a little heat out of the current scene the valuation price for an advance could be based on the lowest mean for the previous 12 months.

This remedy is unlikely to please the estate agents or building societies but does offer the prospect of control with very little electoral damage.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. TILLEY,
Old Stocks,
Millfields,
Chesham, Buckinghamshire,
July 10.

From Mr Peter Forda
Sir, The Kensington by-election was used as a pretext to revive the anti-landlord campaign. On July 9 an actress and Mrs Holmes, the Labour candidate, were reported as describing harassment by landlords and the emergence of a new generation of Rakhmans.

Why are there so few reports about the hooligan tenants in our society? They are the ones who destroy furniture, manipulate gas and electricity meters, play loud music all night and pay rent when it suits them and not when it is due. They block up the sinks and let water overflow until it goes through on to the floor below. The landlord has no means to make them leave and has to watch helplessly the destruction of his premises.

An advertisement of a vacant room today brings in about 50 applications from people who cannot afford to rent a flat or a house. If attacks on landlords go on unabated the remaining half of rented accommodation will also dry up and young and deserving people will find nowhere to live.

Yours faithfully,
PETER FORDA,
9 Inkerman Terrace,
Allen Street, W8,
July 12.

Design showcase

From Professor John Eggleston
Sir, I have just completed judging this year's entries for the Young Electronic Designer Awards. The Secretary of State for Education, Kenneth Baker, confirmed the views of the judges when he spoke of the excellence of the candidates' work.

Unfortunately this flowering of technology and design is seen by few people — representatives of industrial sponsors (in our case Texas Instruments and Cirkit) teachers, parents and a few assessors. Often this is only for a few hours at all; examination work is seldom displayed publicly.

There is an urgent need for a national showcase whereby the work of young people in technology and design can be seen more fully and frequently, perhaps a Young Design Centre. Such a centre would allow industry, government and the world at large to see just how extensive are the achievements of our young people. It would also show how great is their potential contribution to the wealth and welfare of our industry and society.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN EGGLESTON (Chairman,
Young Electronic Designer
Award Trust),
Department of Warwick,
University of Education,
Coventry, West Midlands.

Mode Three courses

From Mr John Dixon
Sir, It is highly unlikely, as your Education Reporter suggested today (July 6), that pupils' work may be wasted with the virtual elimination of GCSE "Mode Three" courses. It is their teachers' work which will have been wasted and, therefore, the education of a great many pupils may well be blighted.

Teachers of "Mode Three" courses have known for some time that they have been rejected — indeed, I believe that this is a deliberate but misguided policy on behalf of the authorities to enforce uniformity.

Mr Broom is partially correct in explaining that "Mode Three" courses were devised for the introduction of new subjects, but they were also used to give a purpose in educational life for those so-called "less able" pupils excluded from an examination system (of O and CSE levels) which was designed for only the top 60 per cent in ability.

Terror in the air

From Mrs Alison Wilkinson
Sir, The fortunate fact that a ship's photographer had taken photographs of the Greek cruise ship terrorists prompted me to wonder whether a video tape made of every passenger boarding an aeroplane might not form an additional deterrent against aircraft hijackers.

If the plane was hijacked, it wouldn't take long to identify the legitimate passengers, and be left with photographs of the terrorists.

The presence of the video camera would be made obvious to all, and full co-operation would be required to make sure that the video contained a good shot of each passenger. Any attempt by anyone to avoid the camera would, of course, prompt immediate investigation.

Yours sincerely,
ALISON WILKINSON,
The Stable,
Chapel Lane,
Gratley,
Andover, Hampshire.

'No-fault' injuries

From the Chairman of the Spinal Injuries Association
Sir, We welcome the BMA initiative on no-fault injury provision (report, July 5). Sir Christopher Pineson (July 13) is no doubt in the fortunate position of never having experienced serious injury, let alone the traumas of any consequent litigation.

An apology, accompanied by the attentions of the statutory services, would really not begin to address the needs of someone who has experienced such an injury, whether it be due to negligence, medical or otherwise, or simply bad luck, as in many traffic or sporting accidents.

Disabled members of this association are only too well aware of the problems of coping with disability on inadequate resources. The lucky few who have survived litigation and won may well achieve a settlement of some half a million pounds. The vast majority receive nothing.

The only sensible and responsible way forward in a caring society is to institute some form of comprehensive "no-fault" compensation, as have New Zealand and Sweden.

Yours faithfully,
P. PAVY, Chairman,
Spinal Injuries Association,
76 St James's Lane, N10,
July 13.

In theory, the new GCSE exam replaces the old examination system and thus caters for all abilities. In practice, however, this is not the case. In my subject, history, the whole concept and the methods of examination render this subject inaccessible for all but the most able pupils.

We have found the examination papers virtually unintelligible for those whose delight does not lie in solving crossword clues in *The Times*.

Unless teachers can effect immediate reform of the history GCSE, the subject will lose its current popularity and we shall be forced to make history repeat itself and return to the days of dreaming up courses for a large number of pupils who are excluded from having their abilities recognised officially.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DIXON,
2 Balmoral Court,
King George Close,
Charlton Park,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Lessons of Cleveland

From Mrs Philippa Seligman
Sir, Following the tragedies and the errors in Cleveland there is now a risk that the escalation of legislation and procedural structures will be seen as so important that other, equally crucial, remedies are overlooked.

Family therapists, such as myself, know that abusers and abused are often the same people at different stages of their lives. We know that there exists a vicious circle in which abused children become trapped and which threatens their own ability to form sound and satisfying relationships in which violence does not play a part and where sex can be a normal aspect of their adult lives.

Training social workers to become better administrators of laws and procedures is not enough. Training is needed for relevant professionals to enable them to explore and understand family relationships and to work therapeutically with abusing families to

A Lyceum 'along lines of Lido'

From Lord Birkett
Sir, The chairman of the Theatres Trust and of the Arts Council have both protested vehemently (letters, July 5, 9) because the London Residuary Body intend to let the Lyceum Theatre for 150 years so that we can have a cabaret "along the lines of the Paris Lido." Those lines are famous for their sleekness and for the constant demand which seems to exist for them. But most of our most handsome and evocative theatres be sacrificed to them?

Must we, and our children, and our grandchildren all be in our graves before a play or a ballet or an opera can be seen there again? The spirit of Irving, Diaghilev, and Becham will be doomed for a very long term to walk the night.

The Lyceum is one of four central London buildings which are the key to any rational plan for the future of lyric theatre. The others are the Royal Opera House, the Coliseum, and the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. With these four factors a number of interesting equations can be made (especially interesting to the ballet world which still lacks the Dance House for London whose absence called forth the Drummond report of 1983). With only three, it becomes no longer an equation, simply an insoluble problem.

What goes on in a building is as important as its facade. Environment is not just architecture and landscape, it is our whole climate, affecting the spirit as well as the lungs. It is the Department of the Environment which is the creator

and master of the London Residuary Body. It appears to have allowed the LRB to be guided here solely by money.

If the Department of the Environment is to be an offshoot of the Treasury, it should say so if not, it should remember its name. Yours etc,
BIRKETT,
House of Lords.

From Mr John Percival
Sir, The chairman of the Theatres Trust is right to deplore the sale of the Lyceum Theatre for cabaret, but wrong to blame the London Residuary Body.

The Act of Parliament which set it up gave the LRB no power to do other than the best financial bargain it could. But the Home Secretary has authority to instruct it to take other factors into account.

If the Arts Council really meant all its fine words about London's need of a theatre for dance, it should have convinced the Minister for the Arts to persuade the Home Secretary to intervene. It would, after all, have saved money by the benefits it brought to London Festival Ballet, the Royal Ballet and others, besides enriching London's cultural life. The regional opera companies could also have benefited.

That is probably past praying for now. But at least we can see where the blame lies. Yours faithfully,
JOHN PERCIVAL,
36 Great James Street, WC1.

NHS anniversary

From Mr Ray Whitney, MP for Wycombe (Conservative)
Sir, Your account of the Commons debate on the 40th anniversary of the National Health Service (July 6) deviated a special box to Mr Michael Foot's contribution, under the headline "Foot's historical protest".

Mr Foot had reminded us that in 1946 the Conservatives had voted against the second and third readings of the NHS Bill and that he had predicted years ago that one day an attempt would be made to deprive Bevan and the Labour Party of the credit for introducing the health service.

You neglected to tell your readers that on four occasions during his speech, in breach of the parliamentary conventions of which he always claims to be such a champion, Mr Foot refused my requests to intervene in order to provide a more balanced and complete historical perspective than he had set before the House.

The fact is that Herbert Morrison and other Labour leaders fiercely resisted Bevan's proposal to "nationalise" the hospitals on similar grounds to the Conservatives. On February 15, 1946, only five weeks before the Bill was published, Morrison was telling the House... the view of the Minister of Health and the Government was

that it would not be right to take the hospitals over into a national concern. I think that is quite right.

The 1944 Labour Party conference voted for locally-controlled hospitals and endorsed the coalition Government's White Paper on the health service introduced by Henry Wilkink — who was most unfairly disparaged by Michael Foot in last week's debate.

After 40 years of experience it should be possible for all but the most blinkered to see that Bevan was, indeed, ill-advised to nationalise the hospitals. There are better ways to deliver a comprehensive health service to the nation than the one he rail-roaded through the Labour Cabinet. Sincerely,
RAY WHITNEY,
House of Commons.

From Mr Freddie Roberts
Sir, The receptionist at the doctor's surgery this morning couldn't find the medical records of a man who came for a consultation. When she asked him for more information he said "I registered 40 years ago, but this is the first time I have visited the doctor."

Can anyone beat that record for being kind to the National Health Service? Yours faithfully,
FREDDIE ROBERTS,
15 The Crest,
Darley Abbey, Derby.
July 12.

Act of God?

From the Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge
Sir, Dr Polkinghorne's admirable article (July 9) on the death of "mere mechanism" and the propriety of praying for rain may have reminded some of your readers of the story of the Scottish minister which, for its full effect, needs to be told in a Scottish accent.

During a prolonged drought the minister prayed for rain. Whether coincidentally or not the course of the service was then interrupted by an extremely heavy thunderstorm, prompting the minister to exclaim in even more heartfelt tones "Now Lord, there's no need to be ridiculous."
Yours faithfully,
DEREK BREWER, Master,
Emmanuel College, Cambridge.
July 11.

Defence of Europe

From Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, MP for Hampstead and Highgate (Conservative)
Sir, Mr Heisbourg's article (July 8) on European defence contains a major omission. Europe already does possess its own Nato pillar — the Western European Union. Whilst WEU — with the exception of its Parliamentary Assembly — may have been virtually dormant for much of the time since its formation, its reactivation in 1984 marked a turning point in European defence initiatives. The Hague platform, which commits all its signatories to the defence at the frontiers of the member nations, was accepted by all countries, including France, which has always been an active participant in WEU.

The mimesweeping operation in the Gulf supported by all WEU members is clear evidence not merely of a wish to work together but of practical application. Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY FINSBURG (Vice-President, Parliamentary Assembly, WEU, and leader of the UK delegation), House of Commons.

Non-nuclear Japan

From Sir John Figgess
Sir, Your comprehensive and otherwise excellent article on Japanese defence spending (July 12) curiously fails to mention the cardinal element in Japan's defence policy, namely adherence to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and the total rejection of such weapons as a means of defence.

To quote from the official statement by Mr Noburo Takeshita, Prime Minister of Japan, at the fifteenth special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, New York on June 1, 1988:

"We continue to maintain as a matter of national policy declared at home and abroad, the three non-nuclear principles of not possessing nuclear weapons, not producing them and not permitting their introduction into Japan."

Once again, how astute the Japanese! Yours faithfully,
JOHN FIGGESS,
The Manor House,
Burghfield Village,
Reading, Berkshire.

Threat or promise?

From Mr N. S. Kirkby
Sir, We are told that there will be a shortage of teenagers in the next few years. Am I alone in finding that a deeply satisfying prospect? Yours sincerely,
N. S. KIRKBY,
98 Upland Road, Sutton, Surrey,
July 7.

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THE ARTS

JAZZ

Mulligan/Marsalis Festival Hall

If Gerry Mulligan stayed around after the performance of his own Concert Big Band at the second house of the JVC/Capitol Radio Jazz Parade's all-star double bill on Friday evening, he will have heard the young trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and his saxophonist, Todd Williams, turn "I'll Remember April" into an ungnarled homage to the kind of improvised counterpoint that Mulligan and Chet Baker patented 35 years ago.

This was one of many graceful moments in a concert not a little enhanced by the gradual realization that, for once, the Festival Hall's acoustical character was not reducing a jazz performance to a murky alphabet soup. Mulligan, leading what is probably the best big band in jazz today, certainly benefited.

His 16-piece ensemble swings at all tempos, varies its dynamic level, boasts a clutch of first-class soloists, and, thanks to the leader's talent as an arranger, has a collective voice of its own — naturally enough, an expanded version of the light-fingered, warm-toned sound of Mulligan's baritone saxophone. His two tributes to the age of steam, "The Flying Scotsman" and "K4 Pacific," were virtual compendia of all those virtues: a ballad, "Absent Friends," featured a glowing solo by the veteran tenor saxophonist Seldon Powell, who, like Stan Getz, offers a personal angle on the Lester Young approach.

Marsalis arrived with his brilliant pianist, Marcus Roberts, and three new sidemen. Notwithstanding the seductive sleekness of the leader's trumpet on "When I Fall in Love," this did not seem to be a wholly engaged performance. Williams, in particular, offered little more than a textbook impersonation of John Coltrane, and is not the man to help Marsalis reach the heights.

Richard Williams



Jumping jester: Ilgiz Galimullin may not be the wittiest of the three dancers to take on the role in the Moscow Ballet production of *Swan Lake*, but he is the highest jumper

Russians, but no revolution

John Percival on the Moscow Classical Ballet's *Swan Lake*

The *Swan Lake* premiered in Glasgow at the weekend by Moscow Classical Ballet was touted as a revolutionary interpretation. Luckily it proved to be nothing of the kind.

The production is directed by Natalia Kasatkina and Vladimir Vasilyov, who also subscribe their names to a list of choreographers that already includes Petipa and Ivanov, Alexander Gorsky, the first of the revisionists, and Asaf Messerer.

The best of what I take to be the new choreography is the lively Venetian dance and a strong, character-full solo for Rothbart; the most ludicrous attempt to turn Siegfried's tutor into a dancing role with fidgety entreaties.

The most important contribution of Kasatkina and Vasilyov is an attempt to restore the style of the character dances. The Moscow Classical Ballet is not a company

of the first rank, but these numbers suit them best, and the Mazurka and Spanish dance especially are done better than we have seen for quite a time.

There is nothing particularly new in the treatment of the drama until the very end, when the producers, perhaps unable to make up their minds between different possibilities, seem to have tried to reconcile opposites. We have the version where Siegfried kills Rothbart (by tearing off both his wings), but the dying Rothbart also kills Siegfried, apparently by pushing him over.

Next it seems we are to have a Soviet happy ending, as Odette awakens her swooning swan maidens, but at the last minute Odette herself decides to expire across

Siegfried's corpse. Frankly, it looks daft.

There are some better ideas. Most notably having Odette appear at the ball masked and wearing a cloak of white swans' feathers to establish her impersonation of Odette. But mainly this is a sound, straight-forward *Swan Lake*.

I am glad to note that the management has given up its preposterous claim that this is the first Anglo-Soviet ballet collaboration (that credit belongs to festival ballet for *Snow Maiden* in 1961), but *Swan Lake* does have an English designer, Tim Goodchild. His lakeside scenes, bleak to show Rothbart's baleful influence, are good.

I am less happy about the other

acting; there seems little stylistic relationship between the formal garden where Siegfried holds his birthday party and the converted cathedral in which his mother appears to live.

The ballet's affect varies according to which cast you see. At all performances the company looks better than in a *divertissement* programme earlier in the week, at which the best dancing came from 20-year-old Vladimir Malakhov as Adam in long extracts from *The Creation of the World*.

Slim and fair-haired, he also partnered Vera Timashova as Odette/Odile in much of the best of their *Swan Lake* casts. Both dancers looked completely committed to their roles. He dances with attractive lightness; she with daz-

zing allure as Odile and eloquent style as Odette.

The other two interpreters of the ballerina role proved disappointing. Alla Khamnashvili, a gift from the Bolshoi Ballet, uses her long straight limbs with cool clarity as Odette, but conveys no emotion; her Odile is exaggerated and flashy. Galina Shlyapina attacks both aspects of the role aggressively, and her line suffers from a shortish neck and the set of her shoulders.

Valery Trofimchuk makes a commandingly evil Rothbart. Egor Terentev plays Benno authoritatively and dances in the *pas de trois* with flair. The other major role is, as usual in Russian productions since Gorsky, a jester. This example of the species avoids coy excessives; among three interpreters Ilgiz Galimullin jumps highest and Andrei Kudelin is the wittiest.

ROCK

Jimmie Dale Gilmore & Butch Hancock

Town & Country

The post-New Country climate in Britain is now so favourable that even a veteran pair of second stringers from the Seventies like Jimmie Dale Gilmore and Butch Hancock are to be found making hay while the sun shines. The two Texans are best known for their past associations with the acclaimed Joe Ely — both have written songs that have become standards of Ely's repertoire, notably Gilmore's "Dallas".

Unfortunately neither man was able to stamp a mark of his own authority on a performance which rarely rose above the lacklustre. With acoustic guitar and harmonica, Hancock made a satisfactory job of his solo set, a collection of folk songs sung with exaggeratedly sloppy elisions in neo-Dylan style. "If you besitate you'll just vegetate", he sang without apparent irony in "Cooling Down". It was pleasant enough but completely lacking in contemporary bite.

Gilmore was backed by Wes McGhee's under-rehearsed four-piece band. Even the resuscitated pedal steel playing of BJ Cole did not compensate for the hesitant beginnings, nervous changes and increasingly unorganized endings. The rail-thin Gilmore, who looked like a bank-teller in an old Western movie, sang in an earnest, nasal tone that was free-bling, nasal tone that was free-bling, nasal tone that was free-bling.

He and the band did little justice to a handsome stock of traditional sounding songs ranging from the slow, mandolin tear-jerker "Rain Just Falls" to the striding two-step of "Heavy Tank Massacre". Joined at the end by Hancock, the ensemble slid into sloppy versions of more obvious, almost banal material such as Hank Snow's "I'm Moving On". Your critic took his cue.

David Sinclair

Too much talk, too little music

Three or four years ago there was a notable, but evanescently temporary, outbreak of high-mindedness among the mandarins who take charge of arts on television.

Andy Park, who was then the Channel Four commissioning editor for music, announced that he was "definitely not interested in solo performers, who seem to me to be about money-making rather than music-making".

The BBC's Alan Yentob, around the same time, declared he was "not interested in seeing famous musicians playing tennis and getting out of expensive cars".

Prevailing winds certainly change, as Channel Four's latest series of music documentaries, called *Virtuoso* and shown on Sunday, demonstrates.

The series comes to your screens courtesy of IEM sponsorship; and, although we do not see the 83-year-old Nathan Milstein playing tennis, it adopts exactly that glossy, old-fashioned "profile" concept that was once so much scorned by Park and Yentob.

Milstein and (on subsequent Sunday evenings) Stern, Ashkenazy and Perahia, skip through their life-stories, for Jonathan Miller, the interviewer, appears disinclined to probe psyches in the manner of Anthony Clare. There are also shots of the airport

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lounges and green rooms which seem mandatory for this sort of profile.

At last, and much more satisfyingly, the players are left to play. In Milstein's case, the result is a fleshy, gloriously characterful, and still surprisingly nimble, performance of Beethoven's "Kreutzer" Sonata.

The problem with this easy-going and entertaining format is that its success depends on the quality of the subject as raconteur, not as musician.

Milstein, the last of the great "Odessa file" of fiddlers, is not particularly illuminating about the sources of his own virtuosity. Remarks like "people don't suffer enough now; everything is so easy" will hardly lead us to the essence of creativity, and his reminiscences of Rachmaninoff and Stravinsky are little more than fragmentary.

Moreover, to present a documentary about a violinist whose career has spanned 70 years, and then not to include any archive footage, historic recordings or even a single old snapshot, seems peculiarly superficial.

Richard Morrison

Irving Wardle reports from the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario

In Toronto two years ago I made the electrifying acquaintance of Robert Lepage's *The Dragon Trilogy*, a trilingual, coast-to-coast epic which subsequently won acclaim in London. Now Lepage's Theatre Repère has expanded to the inter-continental scale in another huge piece, *Tectonic Plates*, which takes its title from the shifting of the earth's crust, and uses this as a metaphor for the manifold separations and reunions of existence. Its basic line is that America and Europe, originally split apart by the Continental Drift, are being reunited by migration and the export of American culture back to Europe.

A long-term project, *Tectonic Plates* is due to reach Glasgow in 1990. The Toronto version is very much the early phase of a work-in-progress; packed with ideas which nobody has yet had time to organize. Spectators caged to the walls of the du Maurier Theatre Centre craned downwards to follow the action in and around a swimming pool on the stage floor, and upwards to a midnight-blue grand piano suspended above their heads. Chopin arrives to rattle off a geological prologue and then ascend to his instrument to supply a soothing background to an invertebrate succession of scenes (or "plates") in English, French, and Spanish.

Some are theatrically brilliant, such as the sight of a French immigrant party splashing through the pool and breaking into American clichés as soon as they reach the other side. Others, featuring schizophrenia, courtship, and a waterlogged auction, seem to have got in simply as variations on the endless theme of separation.

At the opposite end of the spectrum from Lepage is his fellow Quebecois, the writer Michel Tremblay, a specialist in the microcosm of Montreal family life. In *The Real World* (Tarragon Theatre) he has hit on a subject that would make its point in any society that has quarrelling parents and rebel children.

Its theme is the first play; the play in which every young writer blows the family apart. Young Claude has written such a piece, exposing the manifold shortcomings of his insurance salesman father, and triumphantly handed it to his wronged mother.



Modern: Goldie Semple and Colm Feore in *The Taming of the Shrew*

Chopin, geology and not much to connect them

Instead of being delighted, she is outraged. "Have I raised a spy?" she asks. "I'm not cooking for other people for the rest of my life because once I got things off my chest. Don't put it down on paper; someone might read it!"

From this marvellous opening confrontation between art and reality, Bill Glasco's production develops a parallel interplay between the members of the family and their fictional selves. What is disconcerting to the English spectator is the lack of jokes.

Despite his distance from the

subject, Tremblay has not arrived at comic detachment. Claude's mother objects that he has left himself out of the play. Had she been witnessing the Tarragon show, she could have made the same criticism again: the figure you miss is that of the middle-aged playwright, still sitting in judgement and still getting things wrong.

One of French Canada's few links with the Stratford Ontario Shakespeare Festival was severed this year by the death of Jean Gascon, shortly before the open-

ing of his production of *My Fair Lady*. With a Shaw Festival going full blast a few miles away, why present this musical anyway? One answer is that it makes an apt companion piece for Shakespeare's version of the Pygmalion legend, *The Taming of the Shrew*.

Directed by Richard Monette, this is a brilliantly resourceful rescue operation, leaving diehard feminists helpless with laughter. Staged as Sly's dream, it opens as a modern-dress fun show in a tourist Padua, where torrents of voluble Italian invade the text from a Chico Marx Grumio and Tranio's crooned translations of Shakespearean love songs. Meanwhile, like Shaw's Higgins, Colm Feore's Petruchio takes on his muttonous pupil and proceeds to repair the effects of her disadvantaged upbringing.

Gorgeously played by Goldie Semple, Kate first appears as a moneyed brat who ropes her kid sister to a chair as a prelude to dismembering her teddy bear. After which the taming scenes come over as play-therapy, with the enraged Kate rebounding from her exasperatingly good-tempered partner.

Once married, Feore's Petruchio changes into a quietly sincere adviser; unmistakably her friend, and a kind man. "Bid my cousin Ferdinand come hither," he commands: "One, Kate that you must kiss and be acquainted with." Ferdinand shambles on in a dressing gown, a dazed simpleton who has been tenderly sheltered in Petruchio's house. At such moments, Monette reveals the harmony under the surface conflict.

On the bare timber platform of Stratford's Third Stage, Robin Phillips directs an Edwardian *King Lear* which reconfirms William Hutt as a giant of the English-speaking stage. From his stiffly articulated opening scene, Hutt's Lear sees himself above all as a reasonable person; and when his reason is stripped away, he persistently suppresses emotion and rhetoric so as to hold on to his last threads of sanity, until he is engulfed in his own suffering.

"Let them anatomize Regan," he mumbles as he is carried off stage, talking only to himself. It is a wonderfully internalized performance of a man whose tragedy lies in his attempt to comprehend the unspeakable.

CONCERT

Hot from the south

Flederman Cheltenham

Unexplained in the programme, left as a riddle without a solution, the name invites one to trespass on Philip Howard's territory. Is it borrowed from a character in a Patrick White novel, an Oz-Yiddish term for a night owl, or a particular grip used in the shearing of sheep?

Wherever it gets its appellation from, Flederman is being billed as the hottest property in Australian new music — almost the Kronos of the southern hemisphere — with two concerts at the Cheltenham Festival to be followed next weekend by a Prom.

However, its first Cheltenham programme displayed a rather ordinary ensemble, unusual certainly in its line-up of flute, trombone, cello, percussion and two keyboard players, but distinctly variable in individual musical qualities, as in the choice of music. If these pieces were among the best of the 74 new Australian works it has introduced since 1979, then there are an awful lot of dud scores washing around Sydney harbours.

Much the most impressive of the ensemble compositions was Keith Humble's *Ways-Byways*, which used the heterogeneous instrumentation to good purpose; this was music of strong, clear ideas, turbulent in its discourse, working towards a final, cello melody that seemed more an escape from the endeavour than a striking to its core.

The bullying Concertino of Graham Hair and the gross *Elegy* of Carl Vine were on a quite different level. So, too, disappointingly, was *Strall* by the normally intelligent and elegant Paul Linsky, where the players dreamed in Gallic and then Latin American fashion over a tape of noise from a shopping arcade.

Paul Griffiths

Catching a chill from the doctor

It was a good day for Woman's Hour to scoop that first interview with Dr Marietta Higgs, but not one of the better days for medicine. The profession has a long, well-attested and on the whole understandable history of mistaken diagnosis. It is possible Dr Higgs has not contributed to it yet there was something in her certainty which struck a bit of a chill.

Of course, it may be that the threat of proceedings against her compromised what she could say. Nevertheless, after that interview doctoring seemed to be in need of a bit of rehabilitation and by great good fortune the process was already under way in Radio 4's *The Doctors* (Tuesdays, repeating Wednesdays). We are just past programme two of Brian King's

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and Sarah Rowlands's eight-part series and it has quickly established itself as part of the week's compulsory listening.

This is a prime example of radio's informal eavesdropping technique. The members of a Lichfield practice have been wired for sound; more remarkably so has a selection of their patients. What prompted them to do it? Whatever the motives, everybody appeared to have forgotten the presence of the mike so that, aided by some expert mixing and editing, part one's portrait of a typical day in surgery could hardly have been more vivid. The

second programme followed one member of the practice, Dr Brown, through what happened to be his birthday. This included an admirably humane yet un-sentimental consultation with a diabetic young mother who had had one heart attack and lived in terror of another. No false reassurances here, but a realistic admission of the risks and a determination to help his patient come to terms with them. In Lichfield, and by extension in all directions, the art of doctoring is clearly not a terminal case.

Not so poor Mrs Latchmoor in Jimmy Chinn's *A Different Way Home* (Radio 4, Wednesday; director, Gerry Jones). She was found very poorly in the early morning and died in hospital that

same night. Her son Leslie finds her and he will never forgive himself, neither for the delay in calling the ambulance, nor for yielding to the common tendency to do what nursing sisters tell you by going home for a rest. Before he got back to her bedside, mum was dead.

This play, or to be exact, this monologue, was one of radio drama's minor triumphs. Leslie, acted to poignant perfection by Bernard Cribbins, is talking to a silent friend, rehearsing the devastating, utterly prosaic events of his loss, suddenly coming near to tears at the grief and the awful emptiness of middle age ahead.

Another solo also nailed me to my chair. On Radio 3 Roy

Hutchins gave a low key, almost throwaway performance of Heathcote Williams's *Whale Nation* (Thursday; director, Ned Chaillet) which turned out exactly right for such a poem. Was there a backward glance at Melville here in the encyclopaedic opening, which absorbed detail the many kinds and habits of whales before proceeding to describe their killing and the uses mankind makes of them? Wisely Williams did not attempt to wring his hearers' emotions. Yet his cool account of this extraordinary species made our plundering seem infinitely more wanton than it would have had he adopted a more propagandist approach.

David Wade

at the G.E.H and Powell Room

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MONDAY PAGE

Do you need your head examined?

If you are a working woman the consensus seems to be that you do — and that only through psychology will you find success. Victoria McKee contemplates a confusing business

Once, employers carped that hiring a woman meant putting up with premenstrual tension, maternity leave, menopause and a Pandora's box of feminine frailties and psychological peculiarities.

Now they also worry (as more than one male manager has moaned) about having to countenance — and even cough up for — innumerable conferences on managerial management techniques and the psychology of women in the workplace.

Self-improvement courses for female managers have been booming post-Big Bang. Now, all around the country, working women can gather in huge hotels, or someone's sitting-room, to ask themselves such questions as: "Should I be more assertive? How can I break through the glass ceiling/out of the bell jar? ... Am I a Queen Bee or a barracuda? ... How can I put myself on the hidden agenda?"

The language may be American (for glossary of these and other terms, see panel), but the message is being delivered seriously in Britain, often at international research conferences such as the "Psychology of Women at Work" conference which took place over the weekend at Goldsmith's College, University of London.

Delegates, primarily academics, consultants and psychologists, paid £59 (non-residential) or £99 (residential) to hear speakers as diverse as Joanna Foster, chair of the Equal Opportunities Commission, and Shere Hite — an expert more on sexual than office politics. Papers ranged from the specific ("Being a professional woman in India" and "Lesbian employment rights") to the more general ("Bloody women are so unreliable").

The conference was sponsored by the Centre for Psychological Services to Education and Training, in association with the Psychology of Women section and the Occupational Psychology sec-

tion of the British Psychological Society. But why such intense scrutiny — is the working woman really in need of bolstering by so many experts?

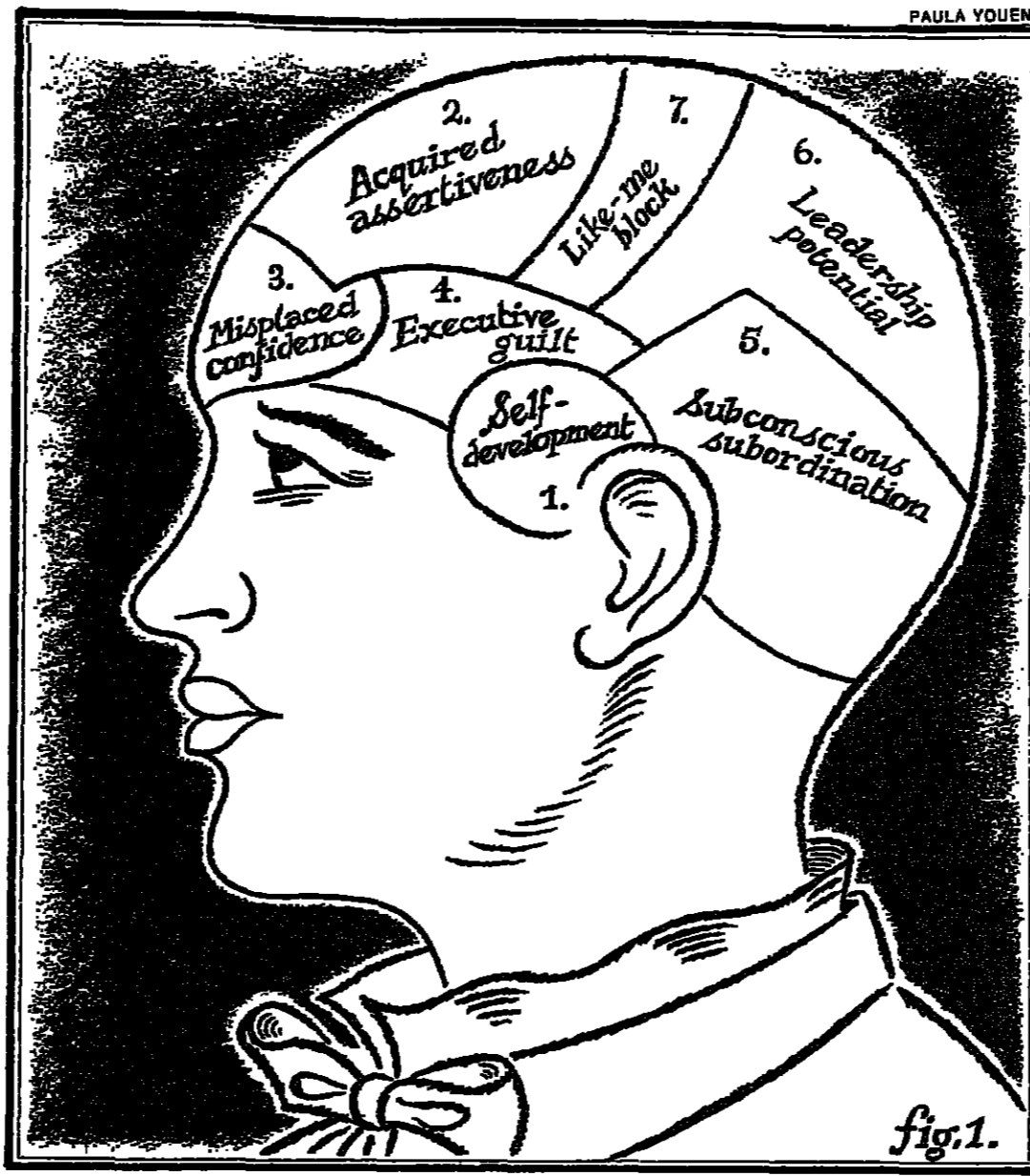
Foster confesses that she sometimes wonders "why women need so much self-confidence". Valerie Hammond, the director of research at Ashridge Management College and president of the European Women's Management Network, says the answer is simple. Today's women are facing a unique problem: "They have been educated to expect to be accepted as the norm in whatever field they choose. They're not prepared for being treated as a novelty — and they are. They think the battle's over, and it's not."

The BPS was sorely divided over the creation of a Psychology of Women section, a motion which went before its council in several guises before finally being ratified last year. Women members themselves were initially sceptical, admits Jane Usher, the 26-year-old clinical psychologist who was instrumental in pushing the proposal through.

"If we lived in a perfect world it would not be necessary, I agree, and hopefully one day it will become defunct," she says. "But not while the token women who do get to the top often display the Queen Bee syndrome which makes it more difficult for other women to follow them."

Dr David Booth, a Birmingham University psychologist, was one of those who strenuously opposed the motion — but not, he is most anxious to stress, because he harbours sexist sentiments. "I objected on scientific grounds. A section in the BPS is defined as a professional grouping in society. So it struck me that it might best be called the Psychology of Gender section, with the full appreciation that the current interest in the disadvantages to which women are subjected."

Bill Apter, a "corporate psychologist" and head of the English



WOMEN AT WORK: A GLOSSARY

- Assertiveness: Getting what you want without (masculine) aggression or (feminine) hysteria. What everyone seems to feel women need a lot more of.
● Bio-clock: Internal timer in highlighting career women set to start ticking loudly in the mid-thirties. What employers are wary of.
● Buddies programme: Artificially enforced mentoring (see below) used to offer a helping hand up the ladder of success.
● Career break: Extended maternity leave, made to sound more professional.
● Corporate cloning: The subconscious urge of senior managers to replicate themselves when choosing subordinates. Bad news for women in a male-dominated organization.
● The demographic time bomb: The drop in the birthrate which will mean adopting new recruitment and training strategies to woo re-entry women (see below). Good news for women.
● The 'druthers' programme: (derived from American colloquial expression "If I had my 'druthers'") meaning "If I could do what I'd rather do." Sarcasm to see if the grass is really greener.
● Executive guilt: The grass never is greener.
● Fast-tracking: Pushing women up through the ranks exceptionally quickly into senior positions.
● Female barracudas: Unpleasant office epithet for those with the killer instinct who do not need pushing to get to the top.
● Glass ceiling: Invisible barrier that prevents women managers from rising to the top. Some say it is psychological — others blame the system.
● Golden parachute: What women are pushed out on so observers

branch of RHR (Rohrer, Hibler & Replage), an American industrial consultancy, says that "if there are people willing to attend such courses there are people who will put them on. I saw one woman who asked: 'How can there be so many so-called experts on women at work when there are so few of us around?'"

Sandra Oliver, a British occupational psychologist and lecturer in personnel and industrial relations management, who organized the conference, acknowledges that the wealth of courses now available to working women may be putting artificial pressure on them, "especially since many of the courses

which have no psychology in them are useless". Oliver is already looking forward to the day when companies here have a confidential psychology service which employees can ring for advice, as many already do in America, but notes with regret that the British business world seems reluctant to fund such a project.

Janice LaRouche, a feminist career consultant in New York and co-author of Working Woman: Strategies for Survival and Success (reissued by Unwin Hyman in its fifth impression this week), believes that the businesswoman's great weakness is the way in which she humanizes and personalizes issues which men deal with in a more detached way.

Wanted to be liked is also a great drawback in LaRouche's view. The "like-me block" joins the "morality block" (judging workplace practices using family and friendship values; putting human needs above all), the "virginity block" (adopting a feminine role of exaggerated innocence which cuts women off from sources of information) and 20 other psychological blocks which, in her book, keep women below the glass ceiling.

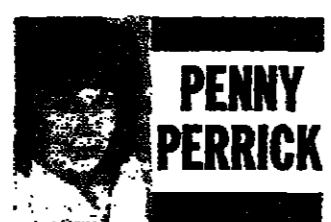
Silk purse survey

The Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys is about to produce statistics which demonstrate that by the year 2025 there will be 105 men to every 100 women. This is a fact.

Melanie Henwood, a research officer in the Family Policy Studies Centre, when shown these figures, said: "In the past, with an excess of women, the men have had the pick. Men are now likely to spend longer as bachelors and women will have a stronger hand. They will be doing the picking and choosing." This is a theory. It is also a case of adding up two and two and very much hoping that they make five.

Ms Henwood's words ring like music in my ears, leading me to believe, until common sense descends on me like a cold shower, that if I just stick it out for another 30 years or so, I'll be able to spend happy hours deciding whether I am going to spend my old age with Terence Stamp or Daniel Day Lewis.

But cock-eyed optimism as she obviously is, Ms Henwood has got it all wrong. She thinks that when there aren't enough women to go round, men will do their damndest to ensure that they are first in the queue. "If they have to compete more for women," she goes on to say, "they might become more concerned about presenting themselves better. They might take more trouble to make themselves smell nice and



PENNY PERRICK

look attractive. There are many women who would welcome that." It's touching, really. Ms Henwood has worked out what women would do (indeed already do) in a similar situation and gone on to assume that male behaviour will follow the same pattern.

She may be a research officer but she clearly doesn't know the nature of the beast. I, on the other hand, could not interpret a Venn diagram if my life depended on it, but I do know one very important thing about men, which is that when a situation becomes difficult, not to mention competitive, they will suddenly remember that they have to see a man about a dog.

A shortage of women will just be playing into their hands. They will start saying: "No point in looking for a wife, there aren't many girls around," in the same self-satisfied way that they now say: "No point in cleaning the car. Looks like it's coming on rain." And then they will go back to reading the paper and scratching their ear, which is what they like doing best anyway.

If men were going to change there would be some straws in the wind by now, but there aren't. If anything, there is evidence to suggest that men are making plans to live happily unmarried ever after. I have met one such recently, who plans to rent a barn attached to a farmhouse which contains a family. He will then be able to stroll in for a hot meal, companionship and a game of Ludo with the children whenever he likes, and never when he doesn't like.

Worse, I discovered that a rather grim gentlemen's club has a waiting list of 13 years — eight if you get lucky and a flu epidemic wipes out some of the oldest and most frail members. The last time I visited, the long, central table was filled with men having an undeniably good time with not a woman in sight. I thought the situation peculiar but was told that it was like going to a dinner party without any of the bother of choosing either the guests or the food. I rest my case.

Besides controversy, there is something else that seems to follow Dr Marietta Higgs wherever she goes and that is her smile.

Under the circumstances, the paediatrician's permanent expression of amiability is adding yet another puzzling dimension to the Cleveland inquiry. Higgs is not alone in smiling in the face of adversity. Jeffrey and Mary Archer smiled throughout their trying ordeal involving a Mayfair prostitute called Monica and, of course, at the end of it all they had something very substantial to smile about. Jenny Seagrove, on the other hand, who appears to have done nothing more heinous than fall out of love with her husband, was not seen to smile at all as she marched in and out of court.

Richard Sax, chairman of the Solicitors Family Law Association, dismisses the idea that people who hate to appear in court to defend themselves should be coached on how to present themselves, but says: "I tell my clients simply to be themselves and to dress appropriately." Since Miss Seagrove is an actress and generally has a ready smile for photographers, it is probably safe to assume that she was determinedly grim in order to avoid any suggestion of trivializing a sensitive and potentially expensive court hearing.

But Higgs' determined bonhomie is more problematic. Dr Rosalind Miles, a sociologist and author of Women's History of the World, thinks the explanation could simply be that the

A certain smile

How do we know any more when a smile is genuine and when it is just a front to cover up inner turmoil?

doctor is confident she is right and is therefore unperturbed by the maelstrom around her. "She appears calm and has an admirable degree of serenity because she is not a malicious person who set out to destroy families but cares deeply for children and believes in her own judgement," is Miles's view. It is because a cheerful smile, in the context of Cleveland, is inappropriate that Higgs' demeanour seems perplexing, although Dr Michael Argyle, a reader in social psychology at Oxford University, points out that there could be a number of explanations for this. "We can smile regardless of what we are actually feeling," he says. "The Japanese, for instance, are terrific smileers because in their culture they have a strong display rule not to show negative expressions in social situations, and though our display rules are not quite so strong, they are there."

According to Argyle, women smile 50 per cent more often than men because they have a more positive and trusting approach to life, although as babies it is the boys who smile more. He argues that because mothers disapprove of their boy babies smiling, or crying for that matter, from about the age of



Confident? Dr Marietta Higgs seven the socialization of the smiling female becomes established.

Another theory suggests that a smile can be a defence mechanism and that monkeys who are frightened bare their teeth in what anthropologists call the "scram face". It can also be read as a sign of submission, a way to prevent aggression. The ingratiating smile has angered many feminists and Shulamith Firestone, the radical writer, has expressed the sentiment that if she could have the power of God to change just one thing about the human condition, it would be to wipe the smile off obliging women's faces.

Without knowing more of how Higgs feels about what is happening to her, behavioural psychologists say any comments must be speculative. Desmond Morris, the anthropologist, says: "One would expect Dr Higgs to look fairly serious given the grave charges brought against her. It is easy to imagine what sort of mood she must be in, so one is forced to consider alternative interpretations for her smile, which is very noticeable."

"We have considerable social control over our smile and it can be used to give the impression of a friendly, cheerful personality. Faced with a situation that upsets them particularly, many people put on a big grin and keep it as a fixed expression to cover their feelings."

the "decay rate" is. According to Morris the decay rate is how fast the smile fades from the face once it is not being observed. A smile which flashes on and off signifies instant decay, so the mood or encounter which engendered the smile is not only fleeting, it is false.

On the other hand, he points out, a smile that is fixed starts to look artificial and therefore one starts to distrust it. "If her smile is genuine, why is she smiling in that rather trying context?"

The problem for us today in attempting to analyse someone's smile is that it is no longer a reliable signal because we have learned how to manipulate our facial expressions just as we have mastered the art of telling lies with words. It is much easier to interpret how people really feel by reading other body language, like what they do with their feet. The feet are much more honest than the mouth."

Heather Kirby

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TALKBACK

Child's cares

staff and in the 1990s, when the school-leaving population will hit an all time low, the major growth in employment will come from women returning to the workforce. Surely we need to plan for the future so that women are given decent employment rights that allow them to both work and care for their children (for example, by introducing parental leave for young children, and by offering children a really good range of facilities to help them realize their full potential.

Sadly, by referring to childcare as "the thalidomide of the 1990s" you are just inflicting a head-in-the-sand attitude which does no one, least of all our children, any good at all.

From Eunice Rees, Colchester Road, Chappel, Colchester, Essex

I read Patrick O'Hanlon's article ("Worse verse", July 6) with interest but could not agree with his views and comments. Our four sons were brought up with a rich variety of literature beginning with nursery rhymes sung to them, by me, whilst in the cradle. At the age of two years our eldest son could say or sing — in tune — 47 nursery rhymes. We had, and have, no television to affect the children's imagination, love of reading or appreciation of what is real in the world or art or nature. Far from becoming thieves, vandals or drug-taking drop-outs, our sons have pursued their

various interests to the highest planes for their individual careers.

Children learn from traditional nursery rhymes and fairy tales, at an early age, that it is important not to trust or go with strangers or let them know where elderly people live alone ("Little Red Riding Hood"); that venturing alone into unsafe places can be hazardous ("Humpty Dumpty"); that disagreeable behaviour is socially unacceptable ("Girls and boys come out to play"); that if you steal punishment will follow (as the Knave of Hearts discovered) and that unscrupulous people exist ("Georgie Porgie").

Please do not attempt to erode children's literature by replacing such valuable material with something "pleasant". We do not allow our children to be shattered in a road accident before teaching them the green cross code, with reasons, nor do we pretend that traffic damage does not hurt — even at an early age.

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From Lucy Daniels, Working Mothers Association, 23 Webb's Road, London SW11

Barbara Aniel's attack on childcare ("Is childcare the thalidomide of the 1990s?", July 1) was fairly predictable when you consider that 76 per cent of us disapprove of mothers going out to work at all (according to the 1987 British Social Attitudes survey). But while she criticizes the European Commission's reports on childcare provision, she has turned her back on the reality of the situation: whether she likes it or not, women who are on the workforce and whose children deserve a better range of day care provision than currently exists. After-school and holiday provision is a particular area of neglect with over more than 75 per cent of local authorities providing none at all. Employers such as the NHS are desperate to keep trained,

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THEATRE

LONDON
★ BLUES IN THE NIGHT: HR black blues show with Carol Woods, Sarah Woodlett, Debbie Bishop and Peter Straker singing with Pam Ferris in a sleazy Chicago hotel. Last week. Picoch Theatre, Danman Street, W1 (01-467 4820). Tue-Sat 8.15pm, £10.50-£14.50, (D)

OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: ★ The Royal Beckett...
LIVERPOOL: ★ Be Sop a Late: New rock musical based on the Gary Vincent/Eddie Cochran tour of 1960. Playhouse, Williamson Square (051 709 8563), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £5-£6.50.

FILMS

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Making a splash with swan-upping

Today sees the start of swan-upping, the ancient yearly ritual of counting and marking swans on the River Thames. In medieval times, the swan was a source of fresh meat; it was also a licensed royal bird and permission to take it for food had to be obtained from the Crown.

The Queen's swankeeper will allocate this season's swans in an amicable, equitable sharing. Upping requires skill and experience. Six boats carry the uppers who briefly separate parents from offspring to mark the cygnets' beaks (a painless process) — one nick for a dyer, two for a vintner, none for the Queen. The process is supervised by officials from the Oxford Institute and is over in minutes. With the banning of fisherman's lead weights the swan population on the Thames is slightly on the increase.

Last year some 250 were recorded and it is hoped that numbers will be up this year. You can watch swan-upping at various points along the Thames between Sumbury, Middlesex, and Whitechurch, Oxfordshire. The ceremony of the loyal toast takes place today at Romney Lock, Windsor, at about 4pm, and upping can be seen from 9.30am-5pm. Tomorrow, between Windsor and Marlow; Wednesday between Marlow and Sonning; Thursday between Sonning and Whitechurch. Judy Frothingham

GAINSBOROUGH IN BATH: A centenary exhibition of paintings done during this artist's residence in Bath between 1759 and 1774. Holburne Museum, Great Pultney Street, Bath (01225 65669), Mon-Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, £2.

THE EXPERIENCE OF LANDSCAPE: Paintings and photographs from the Arts Council's collection charting responses of this century's British artists to their homeland. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (01-928 3002), daily 10am-11pm, free, until July 31.

DANCE
★ CORSAIR: Julio Bocca makes his London debut, with Trinidad Savillano in the showpiece pas de deux. London Festival Ballet's programme also includes La Bayadere, Roland Petit's Corina and Maurice Béjart's Bolero. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London (01-479 1150).

WALL STREET (15): Oliver Stone's impressively staged but wordy diatribe against the evils of greed and stock market manipulators. Michael Douglas won an Oscar for his central role as the dealer; Charlie Sheen co-stars as his naive protégé (126 min). Cannon Picture (01-437 3561), Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.00.

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WCS (01-836 3161), 7.30-10pm, royal gala, £4.50-£50.

★ SWAN LAKE: Moscow Classical Ballet's new production. Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061 226 8922), 7.30-10.30pm, £4.50-£25.

★ KRUIZTER QUARTET: This ensemble performs Bartok's Quartet No 3 and then is joined by Joy Farrall for Mozart's Clarinet Quintet. St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-573 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

★ STRAVINSKY EXTRAVAGANZA: Various members of the Stravinsky ensemble are heard in one of his violin sonatas, three harpsichord sonatas and four cantatas. Wigmore Hall, 58 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-635 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-25.

★ L'INCORONAZIONE DI POPPEA: London City Opera presents a fully staged new production, visually vulgar but musically stimulating, of Monteverdi's opera; Arleen Auger leads a strong cast, with the City of London Sinfonia conducted by Richard Hickox. Christchurch, Spitalfields, Commercial Road, London EC2 (01-236 5086), 7.15-11pm, £2-10.

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FLORIDA PURIM (ART): Back in a more subtle dance venue after their recent Soho residency, the husband-and-wife team head a glossy Latin package. The Palace, 245 Shepherd's Bush Lane, London W8 (01-748 2812), 8pm-1am, £8.50.

★ MELLIS ORCHESTRA: Sea captain. Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £10.

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WORD-WATCHING

HEMIPYCNIC
(b) Having only one buttock, from the Greek hemi, 'half', and pygma, 'an elephant that waddles through a period of hemipygny asyrry to the beauty of a pea.'

MINIMIFIDIAN
(a) Reducing faith to the minimum; Coleridge: "Again, there is a scheme constructed on the principle of retaining the social sympathies that attend on the name of believer, at the least possible expenditure of belief. And this extreme I call Minimifidian."

COWBOY RAKE
(c) In US custom-built (tailor-made?) cars the lowering of the rear of the car marginally but noticeably further than the front; the reverse of the California rake or the feeble-minded motorist who do anything to look different.

PARFAING
(c) French slang for a bill or punch ticket; the first, cosmopolitan; I presume, though you never can tell with the Frags: Prendre un parpaing sur le coin de la gaule to get a knuckle-sandwich.

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TELEVISION TOP 10

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BBC 1: EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 19.50m, 2. Neighbours (Wed) 14.30m, 3. The Bill (Thurs) 12.20m, 4. News at Ten (Thurs) 10.20m, 5. The Two of Us (Wed) 9.05m, 6. Me and My Girl (Wed) 8.55m, 7. The Bill (Thurs) 12.20m, 8. News at Ten (Thurs) 10.20m, 9. The Bill (Thurs) 12.20m, 10. Me and My Girl (Wed) 8.55m.

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WALKS

HAUNTED LONDON — A GASLIT GHOST WALK: Meet Temple Tube, 7pm, £5.

ROYAL WELSH SHOW: Major agricultural, horticultural, arena events, exhibitions and craft markets. Llanwrtydell, Llanwrtydell, Powys (0850 226255), Mon-Thurs 10am-5pm; Sun (last day) 2.50-5.30pm, free. ENGLISH HERITAGE EVENT: The Playgoers Society of Darlington Hall gives an open air performance of Richard III in Tudor costumes. Tolnes Castle, Dover (0803 884406), Mon-Tues 7.30pm, £3.50, child/student £2.50 (box office 01634 3551).

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NEPTUNE WEEK: Raffle held with contemporary, naïve, textile handling sessions, venomous snake handling and guided tours. London Zoo, Regent's Park, London NW1 (01-772 4631), daily 9am-6pm, £3.50, child £2, under-5s free.

BOOKINGS

NATIONAL THEATRE: Autumn repertory, Sept 15-Nov 19, with new productions of David Hare's new play, The Secret Rapture; and the new play, Mourning Language, directed by the author; and Endgame, by Arthur Schnitzler; and Endgame, by Arthur Schnitzler; and Endgame, by Arthur Schnitzler.

FIRST CHANCE

OPERA NORTH: 10th anniversary season, Sept 17-Oct 15, with new productions of Liza of Lammermoor with Valene Masterson, and Prokofiev's The Love of the Three Oranges, and David Freeman's La Bohème. Grand Theatre, 45 New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459 351), booking from today.

LAST CHANCE

CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL: Last three days, with London City Opera in a series of concert performances with Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, Dartington Piano Trio and Chamber Music Society, and free events. Grand Theatre, 45 New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459 351), booking from today.

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly Premium Bond drawings are: £100,000, 28P 335843 (the latter lives in Birmingham); £50,000, 21ZB 654879 (Blackpool); £25,000, 24PP 789296 (Bolton).

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CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1618

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Goliah's city (4), 3 Call to unpair (6), 8 Cleric's hiding place (7,4), 10 Yelp (3), 11 Scale charges (5), 12 Sheolard shepherds (7), 14 Eisenhour (3), 15 Pug (3), 16 Study (7), 17 Circumference (5), 19 Appropriation (7), 20 Trauma's chief port (3,2,6), 23 Roman arch style (6), 24 Male animal parent (4). Down clues include: 1 Brief look (7), 2 Examination (4), 4 Advance (8), 5 Upright (5), 6 Contact between groups (7), 7 Remove animal ovaries (4), 9 Sweet white Bordeaux wine (9), 13 Grand election (8), 14 lust (7), 15 Pacify (7), 18 Radiocarbon (5), 20 Weighty book (4), 21 Siva's consort (4).

Advertisement for National Theatre, featuring 'Waiting for Godot' by Samuel Beckett. Includes details about the production, cast, and contact information for the theatre.

Advertisement for RSC Royal Insurance Armchair Proms 1988. Promoting a series of musical performances and events.

Advertisement for various theatrical productions and events, including 'The Phantom of the Opera' and 'The Firmament'.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Talk on the wild side



Wildlife painter and conservationist David Shepherd campaigns vigorously to save the world's endangered species (TV, 7.00pm)

TELEVISION CHOICE

David Shepherd, artist and conservationist, takes his brushes and easel to the Ranthambore National Park in Central India for *In Search of Wildlife* (TV, 7.00pm). The object of his visit is to see and paint the magnificent Indian tiger, until recently an endangered species but now, thanks to the wildlife movement and the sympathetic backing of the government, starting to multiply again. At the turn of the century there were 40,000 tigers in India. By 1973 only 1,800 were left. One of the reasons was that tiger shooting (now banned) was a favourite sport of the British Raj. Another was the gradual destruction of the natural forests in which tigers live. The Ranthambore National Park was created as a tiger reserve, but not without controversy. Sixteen villages were relocated and more than a thousand people moved out of the area to give the tigers more space. Having regard to his with the politics, David Shepherd is taken out to see the beasts. On the television screen, unfortunately, they tend to look like any other tigers and it is left to Shepherd to provide the superlatives. Admiring the tiger's awesome presence, tireless movement and gorgeous coat, he concludes that it has been "the thrill of a lifetime". But there are five more programmes to go, and though they cover such splendid creatures as the great bears of the Arctic and the elephants of Zambia, I only hope that with his Indian tigers Shepherd has not set himself too hard a task to follow.

World in Action (ITV, 8.30pm) provides a necessary reminder that although the Bhopal gas disaster has long since disappeared from the

headlines, the repercussions of that tragedy are still appalling. It is three and a half years since the cloud of poisonous gas burst from the Union Carbide pesticide plant and killed 1,700 people. According to *World in Action* another 1,300 have died since and the programme predicts that they could eventually be joined by ten of thousands more. Meanwhile the programme interviews some of the living victims, previously healthy women who are repeatedly

miscarrying, men who are too weak to work and feed their families and children left to fend for themselves after losing their parents. The film also reports on the legal battle between Union Carbide and the Indian Government over who is to compensate the victims. Though the company, who is to compensate the victims, has accepted moral responsibility, it has so far spent far more on legal fees than on relief.

Peter Waymark

A thrilling encounter

RADIO CHOICE

Raymond Chandler Talking (Radio 3, 9.10pm) is a collector's item all right. Thirty years old, crackly and creaky it may be, but it is encrusted with gems. Even if it might not be true that this is the only existing recording of Chandler talking, there are other reasons why it is of historic importance. It is, for instance, the only known studio chat between Chandler and Ian Fleming. And it is valedictory because Chandler recorded it after completing his last book *Playback*, and he died three months later. The special link between Chandler and Fleming had two strands. It was Chandler's championing of Fleming's early Bond novels that helped give them literary acceptance. And, of course, both men were masters of the thriller genre. Not even this explains the special fascination of tonight's programme.



Raymond Chandler: rarely-heard voice (R3, 9.10pm)

This lies in the fact that here are two men discussing murder and maybe in the way two archaeologists might discuss Etruscan vases. "I know people I'd like to shoot," says Chandler. "What would you want to shoot them for?" asks Fleming. "I just think they're

Radio 4

1.00 News
2.00 News
2.15 *Home*: A collection of music from the home of the printers of the world's most famous reference books (r)
2.45 *Poetry Pleasures*: Listeners' requests presented by Fleur Adcock and read by Gerard Green and Elizabeth Bell (s)
3.00 News: You and Yours: As the National Council for Voluntary Organisations celebrates its 60th birthday, Debbie Thrower examines the history of voluntary work in Britain and asks what the future holds for voluntary workers
3.15 *Brain of Britain*: Robert Robinson chairs the nationwide general knowledge quiz (s) 12.55
3.30 *World Tonight*: 11.15 *The Financial World Tonight*
11.30 *Today in Parliament*
12.00 News: 12.20 *Weather*
12.45 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News: Woman's Hour: Includes a feature on British seaside resorts; a discussion about the rediscovered book *A Plea for Woman* by Marion Reid, first published in 1843; an

BBC1

6.00 *Celestia* All.
6.35 *Benny Rubin in Messenger*.
7.00 *Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman and Kirsty Wark*. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27. 8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather.
9.05 *But First This!* introduced by Andy Crane beginning with *The Pink Panther Show* (r). 9.25 *Record Breakers* includes the world's largest drum kit (r) (r) Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (r).
10.00 News and weather followed by *Heartbeat* (r). 10.30 *Play School* (r). 10.55 *Five to Eleven*. Philip Madoc with a reading.
11.00 News and weather followed by *SOS Cops* (r). 11.10 *SOS Cops* (r). Episode six of the cliff-hanger serial *No. 11 Take Nobody's Word for It*. Science series (r).
12.00 News and weather followed by *The Garden Party*. From the Glasgow International Garden Festival. 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 *One O'Clock News* with Michael Burck. Weather.
1.30 *Neighbours*. Jane uses more than gentle persuasion to make Mrs Mangel hand over Helen's prize painting.
1.30 *The Boys from the Smelly Stuff*. Keeping city streets clean (r). 2.40 *Bazaar*. Judi Spiers with more money- and time-saving ideas (r).
3.10 *The People's Court*. Judge Wapner rules in the case of the thwarted Romeo who gave a diamond ring to a woman before he discovered she was already married and now wants the bubble back.
3.35 *Valerie*. American domestic comedy series (r).

BBC2

6.55 *Open University: Maths - Scaling and Powers*. Ends at 7.20. 9.00 *Celestia*. 12.30 *Open University: Social Issues*. *Samy's House* (r). 1.25 *Bric-a-brac*.
1.35 *Golf*. Live coverage of the delayed final round of the 117th Open Championship from Royal Lytham and St Annes.
6.00 *Behind the Beat*. Michael Jackson. A profile of the successful but reclusive singer.
6.30 *Rough Guide to Europe*. Magenta De Vine and Sankha Guha discover Dublin's alternative tourist delights.
7.25 *Top Crows*. The third quarter of the invention Piers Crowl Green Bowling Tournament.
8.10 *Wildlife Showcase: Deathtrap*. This second in the wildlife series examines how certain members of the plant world lure their victims to their death.
8.00 *Film: A Letter to Three Wives* starring Loni Anderson and Michele Lee. A made-for-television update of the 1949

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am
6.25 *Thames news*.
9.30 *Password*. Word association game hosted by Gordon Burns. The celebrity guests are Linda Lusard and Kenny Lynch.
10.00 *He-Man and the Masters of the Universe* (r). 10.25 *News* headlines 10.30 *Cartoon Time* featuring Bugs Bunny (r). 10.35 *Disney's Adventures of the Gummi Bears* (r).
11.00 *Tower*. Cartoon adventures of a trendy couple (r). 11.10 *Lady's Pretend to be the Isle of the Magic Lamp* (r). 11.25 *Thames news* headlines.
11.30 *Baby & Co.* TV-am's Jenni Barnett talks to Miriam Stoppard about her pregnancy and they are joined by other mothers-to-be in a discussion on health in pregnancy (r).
12.00 *Survival: Back From the Blue*. A documentary on house martins who spend the winter in southern Africa and then fly back to this country in the spring (r).
1.00 *News at One with John Snow*. 1.20 *Thames news*.
1.30 *Film: Passionate Summer* (1958) starring Virginia McKenna, Bill Travers and Yvonne Mitchell. Melancholic tale of a divorced schoolmaster at a school in Jamaica who is loved by three women. 2.10 *Thames news* headlines. 2.30 *The Young Doctors*. Medical drama series.
4.00 *Talks on the Tum*. Village talks for children. 4.10 *Rub A Dub Dub* (r). 4.20 *Young Krypton*. The last half of Group B in the brain and brawn competition.
4.45 *Dramas: Now You See Them*, starring Don Henderson, Ben and Lucy meet trouble when they cross the path of the Great God (Oracle) 5.15 *Give Us Clue* (r).
5.45 *News with Fiona Armstrong*. 6.00 *Thames news*.

CHANNEL 4

12.00 *Just 4 Fun*. Children's entertainment (r).
12.30 *Business Daily*. Financial and business news service presented by Susan and David Slade.
1.00 *Sesame Street*. Pre-school learning series.
2.00 *Film: 100 Men and a Girl* (1937, b/w) starring Deanna Durbin. Comedy musical. Lorna Layton, a young woman who tries to persuade Leopold Stokowski to conduct an orchestra of unemployed musicians that includes her father. Directed by Henry Kostler. 3.25 *The Expensive Mr. Magoo*. Cartoon series set in a German hospital.
3.40 *Black Forest Clinic*. Drama series set in a German hospital.
4.30 *Countdown*. Today's challenger is Paul Taylor, a bank clerk from Nuneaton.
5.00 *The Munsters* (b/w). Vintage American comedy series about a ghoulish family starring Fred Gwynne.
5.30 *Head in Trust*. This first in a series of eight programmes on the work of the National Trust in Scotland is presented by Diana Rigg on Fair Isle (r). (Oracle)
6.00 *Same Difference*. This week's edition includes an item from Australia on how blind people are taught not to be reliant on guide dogs.
6.30 *Tour de France 1988*. Stage 15 - Saint Giron to Luz Ardiden, a distance of 167.5km.
7.00 *Channel 4 News*. Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen. 7.50 *Comment and Weather*.
8.00 *Brookside*. As the search for Growler intensifies there is a report of a body being found in Saint Park Lake. (Oracle)
8.30 *Film: Between Two Women* (1986) starring Farrah Fawcett and Colleen Dewhurst. A made-for-television drama charting the progress over 14 years of the relationship between a teacher and her domineering mother-in-law. Directed by Jon Avnet.
10.15 *The Angling Experience*. In this third of four films two anglers fish for salmon on the River Erriff in Co Mayo. (Oracle)
10.50 *The Eleventh Hour*. E. Etc. An avant garde film made by David Larcher (r).
12.10am Network 7 (r). Ends 2.10.

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Ballot for National Telecom

The names of investors who applied for up to 7,000 shares in last week's National Telecommunications share sale must go into a hat.

They can look forward to 400 if successful in the ballot. Lucky applicants for up to 1,000 shares will receive 200 shares at the 120p offer price. Those seeking 8,000 or more will be allotted 5 per cent of the shares applied for.

Cheques worth £200 million were received from just under 19,000 applicants seeking over 167 million shares. This was 18 times the 9.25 million shares available through the £11.1 million offer.

Dealings in National Telecom shares should begin on Friday, and the market is expected to see them open at between 140p and 150p.

Telfos queries Runciman's lack of growth

Telfos, which extended its £28 million bid for Walter Runciman late last week, has sent a sharp circular to Runciman shareholders, pointing out the lack of growth in Runciman's assets per share.

It says four-fifths of Runciman's claimed rise in earnings in 1986 came from reductions in pension contributions and queries the rise in salary for Mr Garry Runciman, the company's chairman, from £47,000 to £76,000 in two years.

Charges for Gucci trio

A magistrate in Florence has charged three members of the Gucci family with illegally exporting capital to a total of about 1,250 billion lire (£540 million). These violations allegedly took place in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

The investigating magistrate alleges that Signor Roberto Gucci, Signor Giorgio Gucci, who are brothers, and their cousin Signor Maurizio Gucci, organised a series of capital movements between the Italian and foreign branches of the Gucci empire that allowed them to accumulate vast sums outside Italy. The trial has been set for October 14.

Bolivian debt talks to start

Bolivia will negotiate this week for the redemption of the remaining \$349.2 million (£205.29 million) in commercial debt owed to 51 international creditor banks at 11 per cent of face value, the country's energy minister, Senor Fernando Illanes said.

Senor Illanes, the chief Bolivian debt negotiator, said that in March, 60 banks agreed to retire \$333 million of loans to Bolivia at this discount rate and will receive \$36.7 million.

Brunei sees income soar

The Sultan of Brunei said income from the country's foreign investments had doubled over the past five years.

Brunei's foreign investment portfolio, handled by the state-owned Brunei Investment Agency, remains secret.

Financial sources in the country estimated external reserves were around \$20 billion (£11.76 billion). One diplomat said Brunei earns enough from its reserves to more than cover its import and foreign exchange requirements.

Soaring sales add to base rate pressure

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The retail sales boom is gathering momentum, and significant staff shortages have emerged in London, new evidence out today says.

These overheating pressures, together with poor money supply figures expected on Wednesday, will force a further rise in base rates this week.

City analysts believe that the time has come for the Chancellor to take the initiative and raise base rates by a full percentage point, to 11 per cent. The Treasury's preference has been to move in half-point steps.

The Confederation of British Industry/FT distributive trades survey, published today, shows that retailers were excessively cautious in their expectations of a summer slowdown in sales.

"The slight slowdown in sales growth that retailers anticipated for June failed to materialize," said Mr Nigel

Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades survey panel. "Sales increases exceeded expectations and were above last year's volumes. The prospects look equally good for July."

The CBI expects retail sales growth to moderate later in the year, partly because of the dampening effects of higher mortgage rates. But Mr Whittaker still predicted "solid increases" in retail sales for the rest of the year.

More worrying for the Government will be the money supply figures on Wednesday. Narrow money (M0) will show a 12-month growth rate of around 7.5 per cent, well above its 1-to-5 per cent official target.

Bank and building society lending is also expected to accelerate. The Money Market Services median expectation is for a rise of £6.9 billion, after a £5.4 billion May increase.

The London Chamber of Commerce says in its latest quarterly economic report that acute staff shortages are causing severe difficulties for some companies.

The survey says that there are more than 100,000 unfilled job vacancies in London and that most companies have responded to this by increasing the wages on offer.

Although this could be seen as a London problem, there is evidence that wage pressures in the fastest-growing areas of the country tend to be reflected in higher wages elsewhere, partly because of the prevalence of national pay bargaining.

While the majority view is that the economy is showing signs of overheating and a further response from the Government is needed, this is not universally shared. Mr Donald Franklin, chief economist at Schroders, the merchant bank, predicts in a report out today that the house price boom will end soon.

He says that the August 1 ending of multiple tax relief, self-imposed limits by borrowers on increasing the size of mortgages and higher mortgage rates will take the steam out of the housing market.

James Capel, the stockbroker, says in its monthly UK Economic Assessment, out today, that the current account deficit is not caused by a "consumer binge", but by imports of capital goods, and is not a symptom of overheating.

Dollar rise to continue

The dollar's strong rise in the aftermath of the US trade figures on Friday is set to continue this week, dealers said. The rise, which took the dollar above Y135 and DM188, came in spite of significant intervention by European central banks.

The pound was pushed down to \$1.66, adding to the inflationary threat in Britain and increasing the pressure for a rise in base rates.

US intervention to halt the dollar's rise has been half-

hearted, and the Japanese authorities have been conspicuous by their absence. This is in spite of fears that the stronger dollar will slip in the bid the process of correcting the US trade deficit.

Dealers believe that Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, has abandoned his aim of securing dollar stability, in favour of allowing the dollar to rise in the run-up to the November presidential election.

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CASE offer set to rise

By Our City Staff

Gandalf Technologies, the Canadian computer network group, is poised to raise its bid for CASE Group of Britain this week.

The market is expecting new terms that could value CASE shares at more than 100p each, raising the value of the group to more than £65 million. Mr James Bailey, Gandalf chief executive, technically has until Friday to revise his terms.

The new bid is likely to involve an increase in the cash element since Gandalf is reluctant to issue more equity. It has plenty of room for manoeuvre within the terms of its loan agreement with the Royal Bank of Canada. Only about two thirds of the Can\$72 million (£36 million) loan is committed to the existing bid.

Meanwhile, the final defence document from CASE,



James Bailey: deadline published at the weekend, failed to produce a profit forecast, but pointed to sales growth of more than 20 per cent in the first quarter of the current year, and promised an increase in dividends from 1p to 3p a share.



Peter Burton: defensive questioned the Gandalf earnings potential — an enlarged Gandalf would be "financially weak and overstretched."

Bid battle over Yale likely

By Our City Staff

The takeover spotlight is likely to focus on Yale and Valor, the locks-to-heating group, after last week's rise in the share price to 465p amid mounting speculation about a battle between Ingersoll-Rand, the US engineering group and Britain's Williams Holdings. Williams recently acquired a 3.9 per cent holding in the company.

The speculation comes at a time of acute embarrassment for Yale, which is under attack from its former director, Mr Norman Davis, who resigned in May. At the same time it has been forced to postpone its

annual meeting, which was due to be held on Wednesday. The postponement was forced by Mr Davis, who pointed out that some copies of the annual report and accounts were posted late and who would have been in a position to challenge the legality of the meeting.

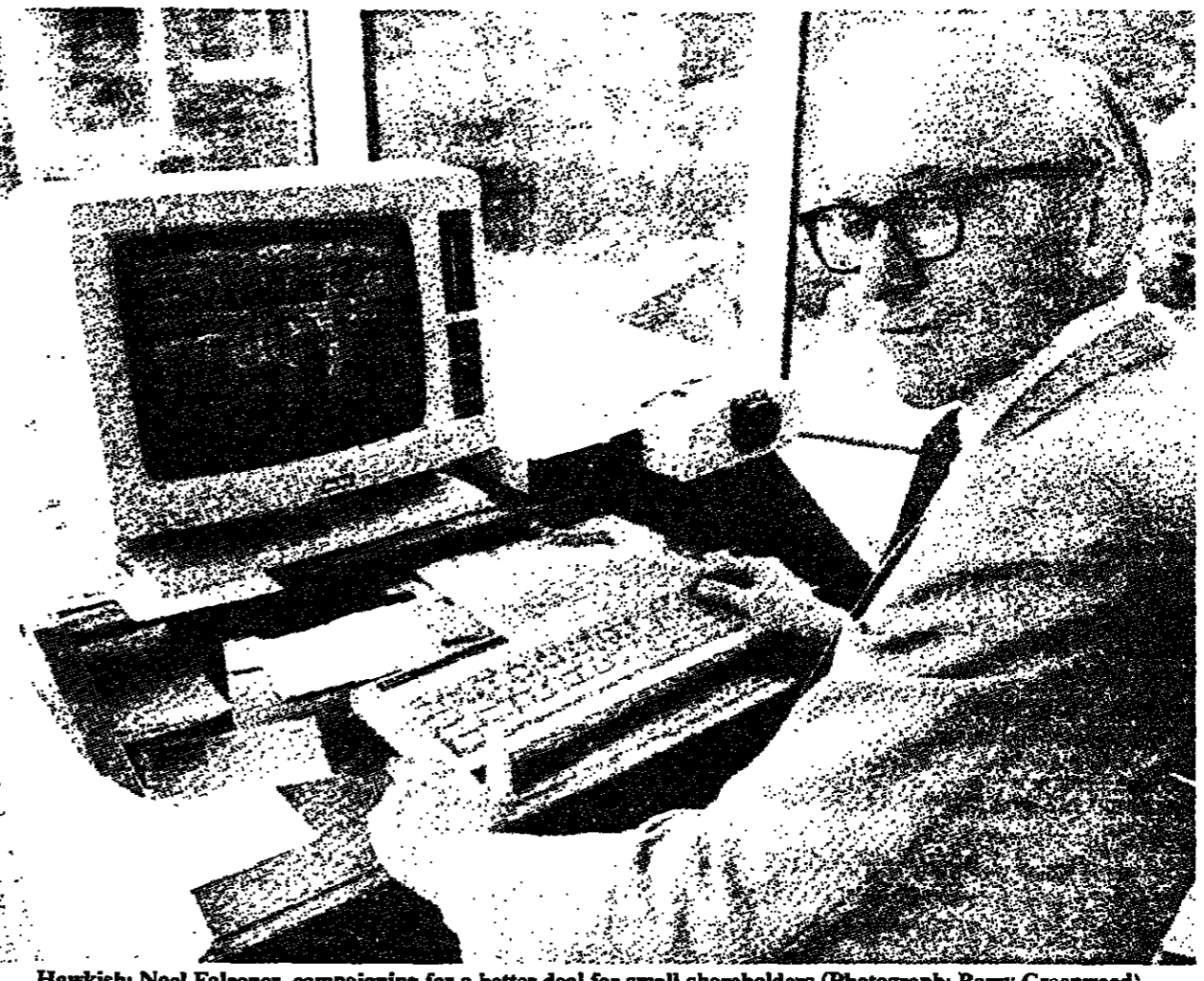
Mr Davis, who was a director of the company for 19 years, has called for the appointment of a full-time chief executive and a non-executive director with financial experience.

Mr Michael Montague, the Yale and Valor chairman,

wrote to shareholders on Friday, informing them of the postponement. The meeting will now be held on September 1.

In his letter, he told shareholders: "Business is excellent and our expansion plans continue. Our momentum and growth is quite remarkable and the mood within the group is superb."

Yale and Valor was formed last year after Valor, a small British company famous for its heaters, acquired the larger, American Yale locks and keys group in a deal worth £235 million.



Hawkish: Noel Falconer, campaigning for a better deal for small shareholders (Photograph: Barry Greenwood)

Rover shareholders seek £52m

By Michael Tate

Details of an offer to the 60,000 small shareholders in Rover Group are being worked out this week, it is believed.

The move follows the conclusion last week of British Aerospace's agreement with the Government for its takeover of the former British Leyland motor group.

However, the small shareholders themselves are calling for a deal which would cost BAe £52m.

British Aerospace said yesterday that no announcement will be made "until BAe shareholders hold their extraordinary general meeting to approve the Rover takeover in mid-August." However, BAe

shareholders will need 21 days' notification of any issue on which they will be expected to vote, and some details may emerge before the end of this week.

It already seems likely that the terms will be challenged by the British Leyland Individual Shareholders' Society (Bliss), which has campaigned on behalf of the small shareholders since the 1970s.

Mr Noel Falconer, aged 55, the engineer and novelist from Manchester who has led Bliss since its formation, has said he believes a fair price would be £4 a share, equivalent, he says, to the £1 a share offered by the Government in 1975.

Mr Falconer, who owns just

over 6,000 shares, said: "If they offer a halfway fair price, then I would recommend that we take it and get out of this mess."

There are still 13 million Rover shares in private hands, 0.2 per cent of the equity. The majority, 10 million, are held by small and mostly elderly, shareholders.

Dealings in Rover shares, were suspended at 74p just before the final bout of takeover talks. A £4 share payout would cost £52 million and value Rover at a massive £22 billion.

Mr Falconer said: "I think they will offer 150p. But we will not accept less than £2."

Bliss has a number of

options, including representations to the Takeover Panel, and to the European Court of Human Rights.

Initially, it can insist that Rover seeks an extraordinary general meeting, even though the Government's 99.8 per cent stake would ensure this was just a formality.

However Bliss would have to finance the cost of any meeting, and mailing 60,000 shareholders alone would run up a £12,000 bill. Mr Falconer said: "We'll find the money, but the shareholders last got a dividend from this company in 1974. I am a supporter of this Government, but its treatment of these people has been appalling."

'Trend is to higher dividends'

By Our Financial Editor

A trend to much higher dividend payments to shareholders is developing, a study by Mr Frank Naylor, of Kleinwort Greaveson Research, suggests. A number of large companies have recently announced dividend increases higher than the stock market had been expecting, including GEC, BPB and Thorn EMI.

There are strong reasons to think that this may be the beginning of a trend, Mr Naylor argues, as companies try to sustain their share prices in a weak market — in some cases to avoid becoming vulnerable to takeover bids.

Budget tax changes, which virtually equalize taxation of dividend income and capital gains, have also made dividends more attractive to private investors.

The expected decline in the rate of earnings growth during the next few years is one factor underlying the lack of interest in shares and companies are worried that, if their shares are undervalued because of this short-term market view, predatory bids would be encouraged.

Mr Naylor says: "Companies are realizing that what is lost upon the roundabouts of earnings growth must be gained upon the swings of dividend."

He argues that companies with high profit cover for dividends but modest earnings growth or whose shares are valued low in relation to cash flow are the most likely candidates for larger-than-expected dividend rises.

Labour 'must accept City'

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

The Labour Party must learn to accept that much of the City of London's activity is good for the British economy if it is to formulate a credible economic policy, a new Fabian Society pamphlet, *Making the City Work*, insists.

The authors, Mr David Goodhart and Mr Charles Grant, both financial journalists, reject Labour's hostility to the City and say critics must accept its economic importance.

They say a Labour govern-

ment should only introduce reforms to help markets operate more in the national interest and not try to stop City institutions investing abroad. They also dismiss the traditional charge that the banks and the stock market fail to provide enough capital for industry and say the Stock Exchange offers the best guide to a company's efficiency.

Reforms should aim at more competition with better regulation. But the City is criticized over too many take-

over bids, short-term thinking by institutional investors and lack of commitment between companies and big investors.

The authors suggest bidders should need to show positive benefits to the Office of Fair Trading and that takeover rules should be shifted against bidders — institutions should then take more interest in management. They say there should be a new pensions law to allow trustees much more latitude in their investment policy.

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Computer company to offer back-up programming service

Taking the crisis out of disaster

By Cliff Feltham

A British finance house teetered on the brink of collapse when one of its key computer workers suffered a nervous breakdown and wrote a program which wiped out the company's data bank.

Another firm was left with a £500,000 bill after its computerized payroll system was destroyed by a fire caused by a squirrel gnawing through a power cable.

It is now estimated that 80 per cent of companies which suffer a big computer breakdown go out of business within 18 months — and a further 5 per cent collapse within five years.

In a £4 million deal last week, British-based Meridian International, one of Europe's fastest-growing computer leasing companies, took over the Computer Litwijk Centrum (CUC) at Lelystad, near Amsterdam, in the Netherlands.

One of the most modern computer "disaster recovery" centres, CUC —

which is described as being impregnable to all but nuclear attack — provides a vital back-up for businesses which would stare bankruptcy in the face if their computer systems were suddenly wiped out.

The centre was originally set up to run a "shadow" computer service for KLM-Royal Dutch Airlines, but it now offers a substitute system for around 160 businesses.

Mr Jim Bertalls, a former IBM executive who now travels Europe as a consultant advising firms on how to guard against computer failure, said: "This is one of the best places of its kind I have seen. I don't think companies realize just how vulnerable they are if their computers go down."

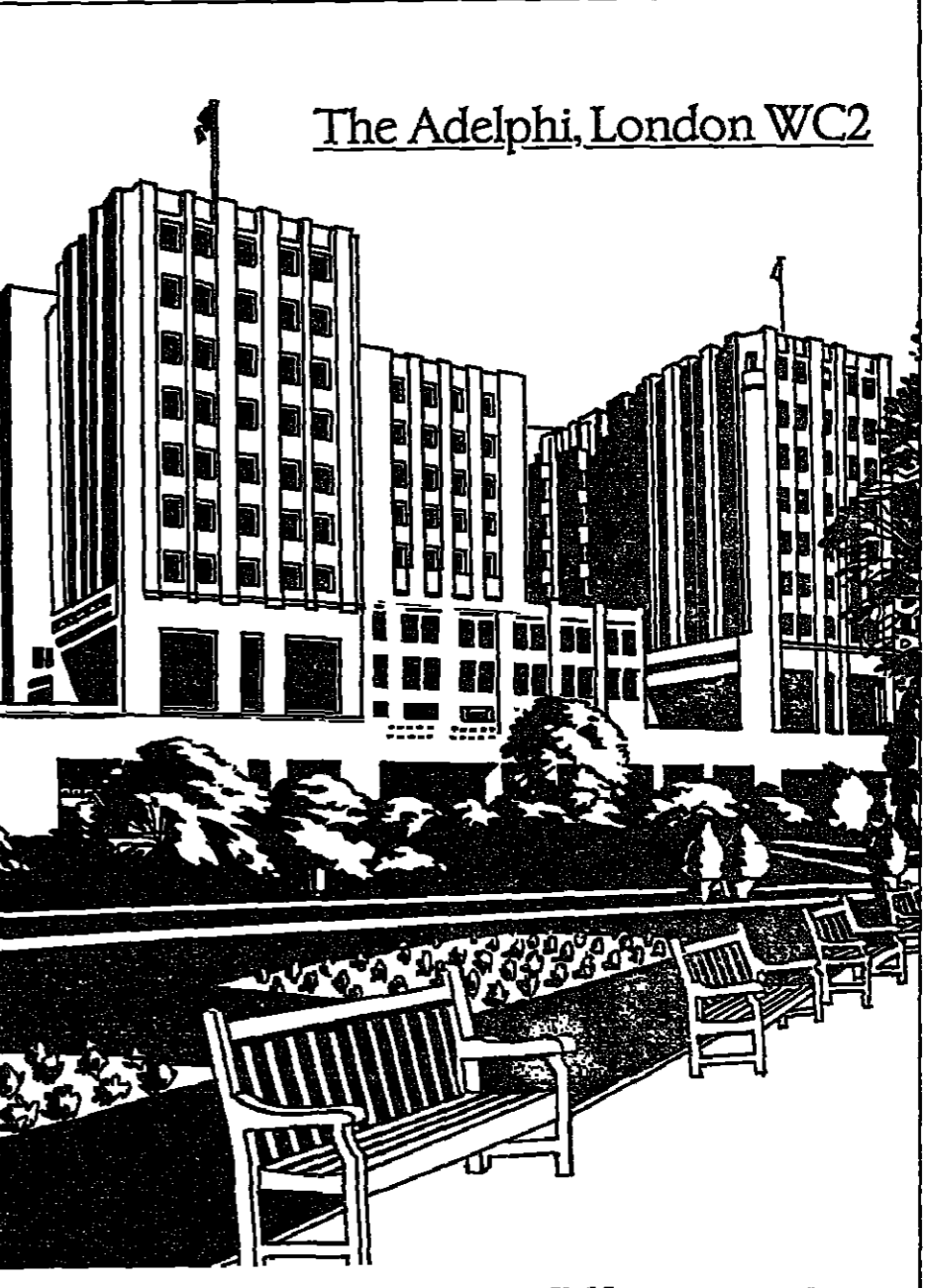
He has carried out a study of the subject and points out: "An insurance company will be down to 96 per cent efficiency within half a day. By the 11th

day, the efficiency will be down to 9 per cent."

Mr Tony Richardson, Meridian's divisional director, computer services, said: "The impact of a disaster on a business is only now becoming apparent. Business today is becoming more dependent on data processing, data communication and data access. Sabotage, terrorism, fire, explosion... one of these mishaps can wreak havoc with a commercial operation dependent on a computer for its daily business."

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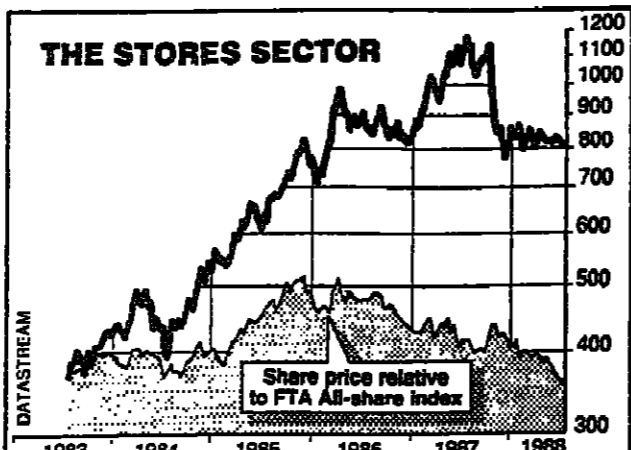
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How to beat the corporate raiders at their own game

The once high-flying stores sector has plunged to its lowest rating relative to the market for 20 years. It has steadily underperformed since its relative peak in early 1986 and is now standing on a market p/e ratio and yield. The traditional premium has simply disappeared.



On the other hand, if the strategy does succeed, the rewards are potentially enormous. The tax losses mean that any profits will flow straight through to the bottom line. For a £1.5 billion investment, the prudent businessman should be looking at a target of 20 per cent return on capital, implying profits of £300 million.

Analyst, is to focus on a handful of key ratios, namely market capitalization as a percentage of turnover, fixed assets and cash flow. He acknowledges that the final decision about which companies are vulnerable is ultimately an objective one, but the screening process helps to draw up a short list.

US NOTEBOOK

Crunch could be coming on cash

The US yield curve is becoming ever flatter as the foreign central banks and the Fed sell US securities to liquidate dollar holdings. Last week's rise in the prime rate took the level of this key rate above the ten-year US bond yield.

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After the words, action is needed on inflation

With post-crash thoughts of recession now well behind them, bond markets are once again turning their minds to inflation. There is a nagging concern that, with growth estimates being revised up around the world, the earlier liquidity-boosting exercise in dollar and equity market stabilization may have gone too far.

The fashionable 'hold' argument has been the so-called stock shortage, particularly for long maturities. However, while this is having the expected effect on the yield curve - the yield spread of five-year over 25-year conventionals is now at its highest for almost a year - it has not prevented a five-point fall in long-dated prices since the spring peaks.

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Psion goes straight to the top

Psion, the hand-held computers and software company, which was floated in March this year, has entered the Deloitte Haskins & Sells USM Ratings for the first time this month - and gone to the top.

performance to its 'positive relationship with a good range of long-term institutional shareholders' and considers this relationship has been strengthened by the recent increase in production of the company's range of computers.

USM REVIEW

joint sixth, and BES-funded Resort Hotels in eighth place. Another USM newcomer, not yet old enough to qualify for Deloitte's Ratings, is Heritage, which was placed last week at 95p and rose during its first three days to 147p before settling at 140p, a premium of 50 per cent.

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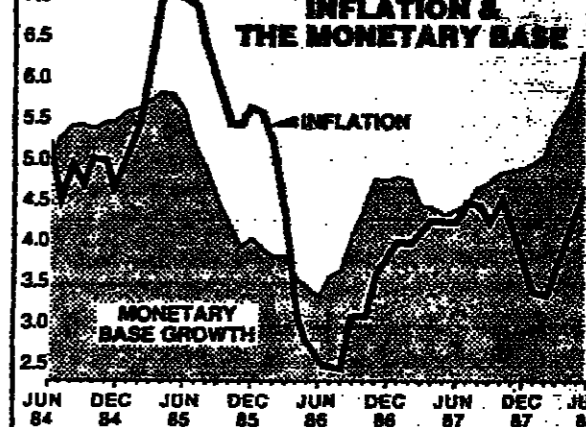
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NatWest BUSINESS RESERVE ACCOUNT. NatWest announces the following changes in Business Reserve Account interest rates, effective from 15th July 1988.

Table showing interest rates for NatWest Business Reserve Accounts. Columns include Gross interest per annum, Balance, Net interest per annum, and Gross equivalent per annum to basic rate taxpayer.



Vauxhall exports 'vital' to GM's European strategy

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Vauxhall must export cars to the Continent if General Motors' strategy for an integrated European operation is to succeed. Mr Jack Smith, president of General Motors Europe, has claimed. Speaking at the company's Zurich headquarters, he said: "We haven't really put Europe together until Vauxhall is exporting."

Commenting on the decision to invest only £20 million at Luton for production of the Cavalier replacement - due for launch in the autumn - Mr Smith said a new design of body-making equipment had been used for the first time as a blueprint for other GM plants. It would allow workers to match the quality produced from a highly-automated body plant. Last year marked a turning point in a big restructuring of GM's European operation. Opel and Vauxhall recorded a

net profit of \$1.26 billion (£757.9 million) in 1987, the first full-year profit for five years. The figure represented 35 per cent of the global profit for the world's largest car maker. To achieve it, GM had spent large sums in Europe, committing \$750 million annually to capital spending between 1980 and 1987, backed by a product development programme which cost \$4 billion. One of the few strategic investment projects still pending is a new plant at Ellesmere Port on Merseyside. The company's decision to switch component sourcing away from Germany - which

Leisure firms hope for strike as Sixties sport makes comeback

Boom time for tenpin bowling

By Roger Pearson

Tenpin bowling, the American game which enjoyed a boom in Britain in the late 1960s, is poised for a comeback. The game arrived in this country in 1959 and boomed in the late 1960s, when there were about 140 centres nationwide. The Tenpin Bowling Proprietors Association says there are about 45 centres today, but it knows of firm plans to open another 15 over the next 18 months, as well as other schemes which are under discussion.

A spokesman for the TBPA said: "There is definitely a major resurgence going on, with substantial investments being made. The swing back towards tenpin bowling is gaining momentum." Among the market leaders now investing substantially in bowling is First Leisure. Its existing stable of centres - 20 in Aberdeen, 26 in Birmingham, 28 in North Harrow, London, and 24 in Dagenham, Essex - is being expanded by development of new ones at Bournemouth (32 lanes), Cardiff (40), Derby (32) and Bexleyheath, Kent (28). Mr Nick Tamblay,



Fast lanes: Nick Tamblay seeks fresh opportunities in bowling (Photograph: Alan Weller)

commercial development director of First Leisure, said: "Where we have reinvested in bowling and upgraded facilities by providing new equipment and improved decor, we have noticed a corresponding increase in the volume of use." Another company with a

stake in the bowling world is AMF Bowling of Coventry. Mr Jack Cais, the group marketing executive, claims his company was responsible for initiating the revival. It has 16 bowling centres throughout the country and four years ago embarked on a refurbishment programme

But he describes the results as "phenomenal," adding: "Our business went up in such a way that many others realized how good the bowling business potential was if modern facilities were provided." Other groups such as Granada are also reported to be investing heavily in the field.

Istel brings flotation forward as sales grow

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Istel, the computer services operation bought out from the Rover Group last summer, has achieved healthy sales improvements in the first six months of this year and is expecting to come to market soon. The sales advance in the full year should produce an increase in turnover of about 15 per cent and pre-tax profits higher than last year's £5 million, Istel says.

Mr John Leighfield, the chairman and chief executive, expects turnover to rise from £70.1 million in 1987 to possibly £82 million this year. Mr Leighfield, who was aiming for flotation in 1991, is now expecting to come to market earlier. He said: "We have made a couple of acquisitions since the takeover and one other before that during last year, and this can mean high gearing for us because the element of goodwill to be written off can be a large one. It would make it easier if we floated."

He added: "We need to be able to compete on the acquisition scene as our quoted competitors do." The acquisitions have brought Istel expertise in the financial services and health sectors, complementing its strength in networking. It has a dedicated communications network around Britain with 72 access points available.

Engineers want more on register

By Our Industrial Editor

A campaign to double the number of registered engineers to 500,000 will be launched at the two-day Engineering Assembly which opens tomorrow in Belfast.

The assembly allows "grass roots" engineers to voice their views to the Engineering Council, the national organization formed to promote the engineering cause. About 200,000 chartered engineers carry the C Eng title and nearly 80,000 come into one of two grades below the C Eng level.

The increase is being sought in the lower Incorporated Engineer and technician grades because so many with sufficient qualifications never joined the engineering register by taking membership of an appropriate professional body.

ECONOMIC VIEW Police pay needs firm hand in flexible glove

The upward move in inflation has come at a particularly inconvenient moment from the point of view of bringing pay increases under some sort of control. The slight fall in the underlying rate of growth in earnings from 8 1/2 per cent to 8 per cent is welcome. But earnings are still growing at a full percentage point faster than in the middle years of the decade, and unit costs have been accelerating above those of hard-currency countries such as West Germany.

A rapid increase in inflation at the beginning of the new pay round in the autumn is not calculated to bring down pay bargainers' expectations. The rise in the retail price index in June, to an annual rate of 4.6 per cent, lifts inflation a little higher than expected for the third month in succession. On top of that will come the effect of the increase in mortgage rates which will begin to affect the index in August, for publication in September. Inflation may have risen to about 5 1/2 per cent just when the early benchmark settlements are being negotiated.

As the Treasury is quick to point out, the Budget cuts in income tax have offset much of the recent rise in prices. The tax and price index, which measures the pay increase necessary to keep living standards unchanged, is showing a rise over the past year of only 2.5 per cent. But, as Denis Healey can testify, employees seldom seem ready to trade pay increases for tax cuts. Perhaps in future the Budget rebates should be postponed until September to have the maximum effect on the pay round.

However, things could change on the pay front. Profitability, which has been rising rapidly, is likely to level off as unit costs rise, discouraging employers from big pay increases. And overtime, which has substantially boosted earnings over the past 12 months, is likely to rise more slowly if and when the economy slows down.

In recent years, the effect has been muted by an increase in the proportion of junior constables in the ranks bringing down average pay levels, but police earnings since 1980 have still risen 8 per cent faster than earnings in the economy as a whole. Eventually, the gap will become so wide that the formula cannot possibly be maintained.

The police employers, comprising local authority representatives and Home Office officials, are proposing some sensible reforms as part of a review of the formula. They want to freeze the starting salary and taper salaries into the full Edmund-Davies pay scale over a period of five years. They also want to change the London allowance (paid on top of London weighting) from an allowance paid on recruitment into one of retention, only payable later in a constable's career.

The proper answer is to revise the Edmund-Davies formula fundamentally by rectifying the mistake made in setting it up. But the present proposals at least help to bring pay more into line with the labour market - a market in which there is no shortage of potential police constables at present rates of pay.

More flexibility, more performance-related pay and greater regional variation are the essential micro-economic elements of an effective policy for pay. In macro-economic terms, a further tightening of policy may yet be required. Statistics due this week will neatly display the contrast between the Government's fiscal and monetary policy. Today's public sector borrowing requirement will show a substantial debt repayment over the first quarter of the financial year, suggesting a Budget surplus for the year of, perhaps, double the £3 billion forecast. But the money supply figures on Thursday will show the Government off-target in the wrong direction. The narrow measure of money, M0, is expected to reach an annual rate of increase of 7 1/2 per cent - well above the target range of 1 to 5 per cent - and the broader measures of money are also likely to have grown rapidly.

The Chancellor has wisely ruled out any mid-year fiscal action. Mini-budgets are a notoriously inefficient way of planning tax and spending. But that continues to place a heavy load on monetary policy. If Mr Lawson really means what he said in the Commons last week about being determined to push inflation down further, he may yet have to raise interest rates again. The weakness of sterling after the US trade figures on Friday presents him with an opportunity.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

US gets tough on foreign trade

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The revived US trade bill passed by the House of Representatives last week marks the most important trade policy initiative since the mid-1970s when America was attempting to adjust to the oil price crisis which jolted the international economy. The Senate is also expected to approve the bill, ensuring that it becomes law. But, despite the broad ramifications of the bill for America's trading partners, the legislation has been largely overlooked, caught up in election year politics which resulted in a dramatic presidential veto.

The revised version, stripped of the plant closure notification provisions which killed the earlier bill, represents the first time since the Second World War that export growth will rank with military alliances and peace treaties as one of the most important foreign policy goals of the US. This means that the next president will be under pressure to use the provisions of the legislation which authorize him, without action from the chief executive, to retaliate against nations which unfairly restrict US imports. Congress may also push the president to intervene in specific trade disputes when it feels that the US is getting short shrift.

Electron-conscious Administration officials have endorsed the bill - they were able to defeat the most protectionist amendments which could have provoked a 1930s-style retaliation from US trading partners. In addition, the US Trade Representatives will be given broader powers to circumvent the White House and the State Department in authorizing

trade retaliation measures and other investigations. The other important provisions of the bill include:

- Increased presidential options to grant relief to US industries which have been harmed by imports;
- A \$2 billion fund for agricultural subsidies;
- Tough sanctions against Toshiba Corporation for selling sensitive technology to the Soviet Union;
- Stronger penalties against companies which import goods made in violation of US trademark, patent and copyright laws.

The large US trade deficit, now projected at less than \$150 billion, has resulted in strong congressional pressure for a new era of managed trade in the US in the form of a

broad industrial policy similar to that which has guided Japan in the post-war era. Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, the standard-bearer for the Democrats, believes the new president will have simultaneously to dampen the most protectionist flames and yet address the legitimate concerns associated with the declining US economic role. The passage of the new trade bill, which stops far short of an industrial policy and the imposition of man-datory quotas, will make the duty easier. But it will by no means ensure that a newly elected Congress will not attempt to amend and to toughen the law to attack the large trade deficits the US has with Japan, the European Community and the newly industrialized nations of Asia.

... and it's Cowdrey to Capel

Jeremy Cowdrey, an institutional equity salesman at the broker James Capel, is being given special leave of absence this week - to watch his brother Christopher captain England's cricket team at Headingley, Jersey, aged 28, was celebrating his brother's appointment with the rest of his family at the weekend. "It's very good news," he tells me. "He thoroughly deserves it." But while his younger brother Graham is also a Kent county cricketer, Jeremy admits that his own cricket is not quite up to their high standards. "I do play," he says, "for a little club called Limsfield in the Surrey League, but my averages are pretty poor - I don't think I'd want them quoted." It was Jeremy who acted as the go-between in arranging for James Capel to sponsor Kent, and no one could be more delighted with Christopher Cowdrey's success than James Capel's sports-mad chairman, Peter Quinnen. He has, over the past couple of years, arranged for the Middlesex and England wicket-keeper Paul Downton to "winter" at Capel. The 30-year-old Exeter University graduate is - prudently - learning how to become a stockbroker.

Band bank With the banks' reporting season all but upon us, Lord Boardman, the chairman of NatWest, will, I hear, have a trial run at facing the music today at the Royal Tour-

THE TIMES CITY DIARY Going, going, Govett

Another of Hoare Govett's key employees has, I hear, handed in his resignation. Simon Heathcoat, aged 39 and a corporate finance director, is leaving to join Kleinwort Greaveson, again as a corporate finance director, in October. In his nine years with Hoare - which, pre-Big Bang, was ranked alongside Cazenove as one of the top corporate finance houses - he advised on a number of

privatization issues, including British Aerospace, Valor's acquisition of Yale and the merger of Godfrey Davis with Sunlight. "I'm sad in many respects because I enjoyed my time here until fairly recently," he says. "It's a good firm still, but it's not going in quite the right direction or rather the direction I think it should be going - and the approach from KG came at just the right time."



13 years, will perform the work this evening for the first time. Lord Boardman should have no problem when it comes to standing to attention. He served in the Northants Yeomanry during the Second World War and is a member of the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Dog day The American magazine Financial World has just had an awards ceremony for the worst-managed companies in the US. But, even though they laid on a champagne and caviar reception, only one of the 10 so-called "Dogs of Wall Street" showed up to collect its trophy, a toy fire hydrant. That was Avnet, a semiconductor distributor, whose representative claimed: "Institutions own 75 per cent of our shares, and they are still holding, despite Financial World's comments."

Briefing encounter

British Aerospace's bid for Rover Group does not seem to be winning it many friends, particularly among the dozen or so broking houses left out of Friday's list of 10 one-to-one briefings with chief executive Sir Raymond Lygo and Dudley Eustance, the finance director designate. But before the 10 or so firms due to be seen today start complaining about receiving potentially price-sensitive information some 72 hours later than a number of rivals, they should bear in mind that the true culprit in this case is the Takeover Panel. For the panel, in its wisdom, banned companies in bid situations from holding bid meetings with institutions and analysts on the grounds that new information inevitably emerged under all that cross-examination, and that it was unfair to the small private investor. "We banned meetings, but we can't stop chairmen from speaking to individuals," explains a panel spokesman. But BAE, in a now-situation, is not sympathetic. "They could solve the problem overnight by allowing a general meeting," its spokesman tells me.

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Tomkins tipped to hit its target of £46m

TODAY

Tomkins, the building-to-engineering group headed by Mr Greg Hutchings, reports annual results for the year to end-April today. Analysts pre-tax profit forecasts range from £43 million to £46.5 million, against £30.1 million. Most feel that the £46 million forecast made by Tomkins in its offer document for Murray Ohio, the Tennessee lawnmower and bicycle manufacturer, which Mr Hutchings snatched from under the nose of Electrolux for £127 million, looks safe.

Analysts expect all divisions of the group to report with increased sales and profits, with the most significant growth coming from the consumer-professional division where there has been a first contribution from Smith & Wesson, the gun maker. Hayters, the lawnmower manufacturer, is also said to have achieved a strong performance.

The building products division is expected to be strongly ahead with a first full contribution from the Pegler-Hattersley interests. Here, buoyant trading conditions have been reported, particularly in British building sectors.

Prospects for Tomkins look good, with order books remaining strong and £50 million in net cash leaving plenty of scope for further deals. Interims: Eurotherm International, LeisureTime International.

TOMORROW
Finals: Graig Shipping, London Securities, Tomkins.

Benson Crisps, the USM-quoted snacks maker, which announced a 72 per cent rise in annual pre-tax profits to £722.529 in March, reports interim figures for the six months to end-May.

Analysts are forecasting a 20 per cent improvement in pre-tax profits to about the £250,000 level at the half-way stage with a similar gain in turnover and earnings per share.

Historically, a much greater percentage of Benson's profit is earned in the second half of the year and analysts are confident the group will achieve £800,000 for the full year.

The group's organic potato



Greg Hutchings: cash pile
Robert Peel: £16.5m expected

crisp distributor, Hedgehog Foods, which includes such exotic flavours as herbs, yoghurt and cucumber, cheese and leeks and sea salt and cider vinegar, is trading exceptionally well. There are plans to introduce a line of complimentary Hedgehog brand products for sale in the health food area of the market.

Interims: Bensons Crisps, Trust of Property Shares, Widney.

Finals: Adscene Group, Aim Group, Authority Investments, Brasway, British Bio-

odstock Agency, Heiton Holdings, Jack L Israel Group, Leslie Wise Group, Meldrum Investment Trust, Northamber, Tops Estates, Union Square.

WEDNESDAY
First Leisure Corporation, the amusement parks, theatres and dance halls group, reports results for the six months to March 31. Analysts are looking for pre-tax profits in excess of £5 million compared with £3.8 million last year. County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, is expecting £5.5 million and £19.5 million for the full year.

The group, which is considered to have the widest and purest spread of leisure businesses, is entirely British based and so has no element

of vulnerability to varying dollar exchange rates. It is more than five years since it split from Trusthouse Forte and during the last three has achieved compound earnings growth of a steady 22 per cent.

First Leisure has performed well in the first half of the year because of the unusually mild winter and has been particularly successful in reviving ten-pin bowling, while its disco operations are thought to have made a big contribution.

Analysts are bullish about the group's venture into edge-of-town leisure parks which will incorporate a wide range of food, drink and entertainment operations in a safe environment. Two schemes are already in progress at Derby and Nottingham with a third planned at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

HP Bulmer, the cider maker, reveals annual results for the year to April and analysts have pencilled in pre-tax profits of between £14 million and £16 million, against £12.48 million last time.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, is going for £14.73 million and expects the second half to produce £7.20 million (£5.58 million). It says that the core cider business continues to be unexciting although the group's soft drinks and distribution arms are progressing well, with sales of Orangina and Perrier increasing sharply.

Bespak, the specialized aerosol valve maker, announces annual figures for the year to April 30. Analysts are forecasting a 52 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £3 million on sales up by about 20 per cent.

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

THURSDAY

Interims: Birmid Qualcast, Johnston's Paints, Leading Leisure, River and Mercantile Trust, Throgmorton USM Trust, Tribune Investment Trust.

Finals: Applied Holographics, Atlantic Assets Trust, Black Arrow Group, Elandsrand Gold Mining, Elbief, Independent Investment, Lebowa Platinum Mines, Porter Chadburn, Rustenburg Platinum Holdings.

FRIDAY

Interims: Abbey Panels Investments, Appleyard Group.

Finals: Cullen's Holdings, J&J Dyson, First Spanish Investment Trust, Fleming Technology Investment Trust, Goode Durrant (expected on July 25), Selective Assets Trust, South African Land and Exploration, Southvaal Holdings, Vaal Reef Exploration & Mining, Western Deep Levels.

Martin Waller and Geoffrey Foster

Law Report July 18 1988

No ban on architects' indemnity deal

Normid Housing Association Ltd v Ralphs and Others
Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Goff and Lord Justice Lloyd
[Judgment July 5]

The clients of a firm of architects, who had brought claims against the firm over defects to the refurbishment of their properties, were not entitled, as third parties, to an injunction restraining the architects entering into a proposed settlement of claims made against them.

The Third Parties (Rights against Insurers) Act 1930 afforded no protection to the party where the insurer and insured reached any settlement of the claims of the insured before the commencement of any bankruptcy or winding-up order made against the insured.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when it allowed the interlocutory appeal of the insurance company, Assicurazioni Generali SpA, as interveners, and the defendants, Mrs John Mansell, her husband, and her firm, Ralphs and Mansell, against the order of Judge Havers, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, on April 26, 1988, restraining the defendants, pending trial, from:

(i) accepting any sum of money from their professional indemnity insurers in satisfaction of the payment of the plaintiffs' claims against the defendants in actions brought against them, or

(ii) entering into any agreement with their professional indemnity insurers whereby such insurers were released from liability under any policy of professional indemnity insurance which did or might indemnify the defendants in respect of the plaintiffs' claims against them.

Mr Anthony Colman, QC for the insurance company; Mr Malcolm Sticher for the plaintiffs; Mr John Blackburn, QC and Mr Andrew White for the housing association.

LORD JUSTICE SLADE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the plaintiffs acquired about 350 freehold properties in the Wolverhampton area between 1976 and 1983, intending to refurbish them for letting to tenants.

The defendants were architects or the firm as architects, for the refurbishment work under some 17 or more separate contracts of engagement. Their evidence was that the design and subsequent execution of the work was defective, and they had already spent some £750,000 in emergency remedial work and the total cost of repairs was likely to be about £5.7 million.

The architects had a professional indemnity policy of insurance which the interveners had been taken out in December 1982; in November 1983 the plaintiffs first informed the defendants of a claim for the defects. An endorsement was attached to the policy with effect from December 1983 having regard, by inference, to the claims already notified.

When the consolidated actions began in April 1988, the interveners' counsel informed the plaintiffs that the interveners had offered to pay a further £100,000 in addition to the payment in of £150,000 on condition that the defendants accepted that offer in full and final settlement of their claims.

The plaintiffs' claim depended solely on contract; there was no evidence that the defendants were under any contractual obligation to the plaintiffs to effect the process or that they were under any professional duty to do so.

The defendants were under no statutory duty to take out professional liability insurance. It was entirely a matter for their own judgment whether or not they took out such insurance, and if so in what form and for how much cover. Their contractual duty to the plaintiffs was to exercise professional skill and care and not to effect any such insurance.

After they had effected such policies in their discretion, that duty placed them under no contractual obligation to the plaintiffs to deal with the policies in any particular way; the policies were their own assets and they were free to deal with their rights under them as with any other of their assets.

The terms of section 1 of the 1930 Act implicitly indicated that in the ordinary case a third party would not be able to complain of an agreement made between insurer and insured even after liability had been incurred by the insured, if the agreement had been made before the commencement of the bankruptcy.

The present was an ordinary case. If there was a lacuna in the 1930 Act, it was for Parliament and not the court to fill it. Whether or not the plaintiffs proposed to apply for a *Mareva* injunction, the court would say nothing about the effect of such an order save that it appeared to be the only route by which the plaintiffs might conceivably be able to get their claim to an injunction on its face.

The appeal had to be allowed, and the injunction discharged as from July 5, 1988, so that the interveners could accept the offer.

Solicitors: Ashurst Thomson & Partners, 10 Abchurch Lane, London EC4N 3DF; Messrs. Bouverie & Tonkinson, Birmingham.

Doctor has race bias case over test

General Medical Council v Goba
Before Mr Justice Wood, Miss J. W. Collinson and Ms P. Smith
[Judgment July 7]

A doctor from Sierra Leone, trained overseas, who had repeatedly failed the English language test set by an independent board acting as agent of the General Medical Council and which was necessary for doctors qualified abroad who wished to obtain a particular profession or trade to discriminate against a person:

(a) in the terms on which it is prepared to confer on him that authorization or qualification; or (b) by refusing or deliberately omitting to grant, his application for it.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that in conjunction with other professional bodies the GMC had set up the professional and linguistic assessments board for the purposes of testing an applicant's linguistic abilities.

DR GOBA had taken the test on seven separate occasions and had failed each time. In March 1987 he filed an originating application alleging discrimination under section 12.

The appeal was on the ground that the industrial tribunal had erred in law in failing to hold that the registration of doctors was done "in pursuance of" the Medical Act 1983 and that section 41(1) therefore applied.

Section 12 of the 1976 Act provides:

"(1) It is unlawful for an authority or body which can confer an authorization or qualification which is needed for, or facilitates, engagement in a particular profession or trade to discriminate against a person: (a) in the terms on which it is prepared to confer on him that authorization or qualification; or (b) by refusing or deliberately omitting to grant, his application for it."

MR VIVIAN ROBINSON, QC and **MR TIMOTHY STRAKER** for the GMC; **MR STEPHEN SEDLEY, QC** and **MR KUTAN MENON** for Dr Goba.

A preliminary issue arose as to whether any unlawful act proved to have taken place under section 12 of the 1976 Act was met by a defence under section 41(1).

For the GMC it was said that it was a statutory body carrying out its function of registering doctors under section 22 of the Medical Act 1983; that it was acting "in pursuance of" an enactment within the meaning of section 41(1)(a) and that the legislature intended an umbrella protection for all acts done in pursuance of the duty to register.

MR SEDLEY argued that section 41 only protected those acts which someone was bound to carry out by statute or order and that if such acts were capable of being carried out in a way which did not contravene the provisions of the Race Relations Act, there was an obligation to conduct one's affairs so as to avoid transgressing the provisions of that Act.

Section 41(1) appeared to cover all possible forms of legislation, including legislative acts such as statutes, orders in council, statutory instruments and statutory rules and orders. Acts of a body set up under the Crown prerogative such as the Criminal Compensation Board would not be protected but acts carried out under

powers given by orders in council, pursuant to the Crown prerogative, for instance, diplomatic or defence functions, would not be protected.

That if the GMC's argument was right, the acts of statutory bodies would be protected, the acts of those bodies created by charter would not. Why should some bodies and not others have the umbrella protection? These anomalies were avoided if it was held that the acts placed on the phrase "in pursuance of" the phrase "in pursuance of" in section 44(1)(a) and (b) had the same meaning as the words "in order to comply with any condition or requirement" in section 41(1)(c).

The act complained of in its doing and in the way it was carried out had to have been one which was reasonably necessary in order to comply with any condition of the statute or order.

In the present case it was not yet known what was the act which was alleged to be discriminatory unless it was the mere refusal to register. However, whatever it might be, section 41(1) did not provide a defence to the GMC. The appeal would be dismissed, save to appeal would be granted. **Solicitors:** Waterhouse & Co, Birmingam; Partners.

Burden of proving racial discrimination

Barking and Dagenham London Borough Council v Camara
Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr G. A. Drain and Mr J. H. Galbraith
[Judgment July 11]

The burden of proving racial discrimination rested on an applicant throughout. The decisions of the Employment Appeal Tribunal in *Khanna v Ministry of Defence* [1981] ICR 863 and *Chattopadhyay v Headmaster of Holloway School* [1982] ICR 132, which suggested that where the applicant could show less favourable treatment in circumstances consistent with the treatment being on racial grounds the tribunal should infer that such treatment was in fact on racial grounds unless the respondent could show an innocent explanation were wrong in law.

An industrial tribunal having found the primary facts should make such inferences as it thought fair, having regard to the difficulty of putting forward a case of discrimination and the burden of bearing in mind the broader

proof on the applicant, decide whether discrimination had been established.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal allowed an appeal by Barking and Dagenham, Borough Council from a decision of a London industrial tribunal last July that the applicant, Mr Abdou Camara, was entitled to £400 compensation. The council had appealed on the ground, *inter alia*, that the industrial tribunal had misdirected itself in law.

MR RICHARD GREENING for the council; **MR GOOLAM MEERAN** for the applicant.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that the applicant came from Guernsey. He applied to the council for a job as a mobile porter but was not shortlisted. He complained that he had been discriminated against on the ground of his race contrary to section 1(1)(a) and (2) of the Race Relations Act 1976. At the hearing the chairman of the industrial tribunal suggested that indirect discrimination

under section 1(1)(b) was also relevant.

The industrial tribunal found that the council had adopted five criteria for shortlisting including a requirement that the applicant should have a history of stability of employment and that he should have had previous experience of local government employment.

It found that there were unsatisfactory elements throwing doubt on the genuineness of the council's protestations of innocence and concluded that there was ground for holding that the council's explanation were not satisfactory and for drawing an inference of unlawful discrimination.

The main criticism made by **MR GREENING** was that the industrial tribunal had relied on *Khanna* and *Chattopadhyay* and found that if the council failed to give a satisfactory explanation of less favourable treatment it should draw an inference of unlawful discrimination. The appeal tribunal felt that

those cases had been understood by tribunals as implying that the burden of proof was in effect finally cast on the employer. That was wrong in law. The burden of proving the allegation of discrimination lay on the applicant who had to prove it on the balance of probabilities.

Race discrimination cases presented difficulties for an applicant in proving evidence of overtly discriminatory words or actions. It was therefore obvious that one was more often left to infer discrimination from the circumstances.

Having found the primary facts, an industrial tribunal should make such inferences and findings as it considered fair, bearing in mind the difficulty of putting forward a case of discrimination and the burden of proof on the applicant. The appeal would be allowed and the case remitted to a different industrial tribunal for rehearing. **Solicitors:** Mr D. C. J. Farr, Dagenham; Karim Latman.

Special constable is not an employed person

Sheikh v Anderton
Before Mr Justice Wood, Ms S. Corby and Mr G. A. Peers
[Judgment July 4]

A special constable was not "a person employed" within the meaning of section 4(2) of the Race Relations Act 1976 and an industrial tribunal had no jurisdiction to hear his complaint of unlawful discrimination on the ground of his race.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when dismissing by a majority an appeal by Mr Arshad Sheikh from a decision of a Manchester industrial tribunal last December that they had no jurisdiction to hear his complaint against the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police. He had appealed on the ground, *inter alia*, that the tribunal had misdirected themselves as to the proper interpretation of the words "a person employed" in section 78(1) of the 1976 Act. Section 4(2) of the 1976 Act provides: "It is unlawful for a person, in the case of a person employed by him at an establishment in Great Britain, to discriminate against that employee... (c) by dismissing him..."

MR BENET HYNER, QC and **MR GOOLAM MEERAN** for the employee; **MR GEOFFREY TATTERSALL** for the chief constable.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that the applicant came originally from Pakistan. In April 1986 he was appointed a special constable but in June he was dismissed.

The question was whether the industrial tribunal had jurisdiction to hear his complaint of race discrimination. The applicant had to prove that he was a person employed by the police authority.

The relevant words of the definition of employment in section 78 of the 1976 Act were "employment under a contract... personally to execute any work or labour". The only issue was whether or not there was a contract.

Section 16 of the 1976 Act, which made provision for police constables to bring allegations of race discrimination, did not refer to special constables and so the industrial tribunal had considered the definition of employment in section 78. It found that there was no identifiable contract between the special constable and the authority which could come within the words "a contract... personally to execute any work or labour". **MR HYNER** relied on the conditions of service for special constables as showing that there was the necessary ingredient of consideration for a contract of employment, specifically provision of a pension, the right to wear uniform, and the exemption from jury service. The majority of the appeal tribunal took the view that those matters did not amount to consideration. Even if there was consideration it had to be asked whether there was an intention to enter into a contractual relationship. The majority of the appeal tribunal considered that there was nothing in the evidence to indicate an intention to enter into contractual relations and they would dismiss the appeal. However, the majority were greatly exercised by the seeming unfairness of the situation in which the applicant found himself. The circumstances would not doubt be brought to the attention of those responsible for the legislation. Leave to appeal would be granted. **Solicitors:** Caff Roberts North Kirk, Liverpool; Mr R. C. Rees, Swinton.

Employment relevant

Regina v Kensington and Chelsea (Royal) London Borough Council, Ex parte Conna
Although the difficulty of obtaining employment in a country from which a person had come was a relevant factor to be considered by a local authority in determining whether that person was intentionally homeless within the meaning of section 60 of the Housing Act 1985, it was not incumbent on the local authority to inquire into local employment conditions in Brazil as that would have been an unwarranted burden. **MR JUSTICE OTTON** so held in the Queen's Bench Division on July 15 when dismissing an application for judicial review by **ANDREA MARIA CONNA** of a decision of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea that she was intentionally homeless.

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'Save our grammar schools'

Ian Nash sees new hope for campaigners in a long struggle

Many grammar-school campaigners have fought long and bloody battles against closure for more than 20 years. But most of the schools have gone to the wall, leaving just 43 to continue the struggle.



Kenneth Baker: Steps to reassure

children's chances of winning a grammar school place.

Nevertheless, the association is to run a spirited campaign to galvanise what it insists is widespread active support for the return of grammar schools.

It sees three means at its disposal: powers under the Education Reform Bill for schools to opt out of local education authority control, parental pressure and - a principle given credence in the government's plans for city technology colleges - industrial sponsorship.

When Mr Baker addressed the association, he was seen as a radical reformer akin to Rab Butler, architect of the 1944 Education Act and the tripartite system that spawned grammar schools as academic powerhouses for children from all walks of life.

Margaret Thatcher: Might need more

So, too, will a lot of comprehensives opt out, particularly in areas such as York where there is still disenchantment among staff and parents since the axing of grammar schools.

Mr Baker also made it clear the Government was not envisaging a wholesale return to selective education. Indeed, he indicated that the association would have to drum up considerable parental support if it wanted more grammar schools.

Like the association insists that it has no wish to "impose" a common system, but they did want stronger words of support than they felt Mr Baker was willing to give.

His commitment was equal to all schools. Despite special pleading from the association that they were often starved of resources, had unrealistic limits on the number of pupils they could take and had seen buildings left to decay by LEAs Mr Baker was emphatic - "Grammar schools will have no special advantages over LEA or voluntary-aided schools."

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Ryan, who has coached Newport and Cardiff to cup wins, is a realist and knows the pressures he will be under as Welsh coach. "It goes with the job at any level," he said. "The coach is judged by the success or failure of his side. Tony Gray was judged on the New Zealand tour. I'll be judged in the same way. I respect what Tony did and tried to do. But I know every coach's head is on the block."

Mark Ring, the centre with 16 caps and 357 points for Wales, is expected to play for Cardiff after one season with Pontypool. It was one of the toughest decisions he has had to make. Ring said in a letter to Pontypool: "I feel I could not see my career out anywhere else."

Phil Blakeaway, the former British Lion prop, is returning to the game to coach the junior Gloucestershire club, Berry Hill, who have Harlequins a flight in last season's John Player Cup.

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RUGBY LEAGUE: NEW ZEALAND HANG ON GRIMLY IN MUD AFTER TRY BY GREGORY IS DISALLOWED

Britain are pipped for final place

From a Correspondent Christchurch

New Zealand 12 Great Britain 10

Great Britain said goodbye to a realistic hope of a World Cup final place in a rain-dominated, mud-battered international here where both sides scored two tries and the difference at the end was the success of the kickers.

The weather cut down the crowd to 8,525 on Saturday, but its more important effect was to reduce the mobility of both sides and turn the game into a defensive battle in

which speed was at a premium and most attempts to open up play resulted in an untidy slide through the sticky patches.

Both teams deserved more points, but Britain have a strong case for complaint against Mick Stone, the Sydney referee. A first-half try from a Ward pass to Gregory that would have returned the lead to Britain was disallowed, although television replays showed it to be fair, and an off-the-ball foul on Hanley within easy kicking distance of the New Zealand posts was left unpunished. Hanley had to leave the field, and is receiving treatment for a badly cut eyelid.

New Zealand, having edged in front, were able to draw on the defensive skills honed for so many of their players in the Sydney competition to deny Britain victory. A simple New Zealand mistake in the first minute saw Britain take the lead with a try from Loughlin, but the centre's goal-kicking form then deserted him in the foul conditions and he was unable to improve either the try or a penalty soon after.

New Zealand were more fortunate with a penalty, and their first try came through Freeman, the substitute, who scored within minutes of his replacing Horo. Another penalty took the score to 6-4, at which stage Gregory's try was disallowed, but the equalizer did come a minute before the end of the half, when Beardmore and Hanley combined to put Hutime through.

handling lapse set New Zealand free inside the Britain 22-metre area and Freeman claimed his second try to put New Zealand 12-8 up at the break.

A quick penalty by Loughlin after the restart raised hopes and almost continuous occupation of the New Zealand

summon up the same fervour for a second time, despite the high stakes, in the shape of a World Cup final at Old Trafford. The margin was only two points, and they suffered at the hands of the referee but the game, really, was theirs for the taking at half-time, and they missed their opportunity.

WORLD CUP POSITIONS

Table with 5 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F. Shows New Zealand 12, Great Britain 10.

land half kept alive, but it proved impossible to cross the New Zealand line again. Britain tried everything from overhead passes to frontal bombardment but the New Zealanders, heavily beaten in the scrums, stiffened an already desperate defence.

Impressive though Britain's win against Australia last week was, it did not seem as though Britain were able to

RACING: PREVIEW OF KEENELAND'S SELECT SALE

Northern Dancer destined to bow out on high note

From a Special Correspondent, Lexington, Kentucky

The last chance to buy a yearling by Northern Dancer at Keeneland should intensify interest in the annual two-day select yearling sale which gets underway today.

The auction will be followed on Wednesday by the single-session July yearling sale of slightly lesser quality individuals.

Since 1967, there have been 170 yearlings by Northern Dancer sold at Keeneland for \$148,399,500, an average of \$872,938.

This year's peak was reached in 1984, a dozen yearlings by the leading sire of stakes winners realized \$41,360,000, a remarkable average of \$3,446,667.

Today and tomorrow, there are 10 yearlings by Northern Dancer to be sold - six today and four tomorrow, equally split both days between colts and fillies.

By Wednesday, Northern Dancer is likely to be the leading sire at Keeneland for an unprecedented eleventh time.

In all, there are 514 yearlings on offer over the three days, with 157 of them (31 per cent) by Northern Dancer or one of his sons or grandsons.

That figure includes 22 by Nijinsky, 16 by Danzig, 12 by Storm Bird and 11 each by Lyphard and Nursey.

The Northern Dancers drawing the most attention are two colts and two fillies: Windfields Farm has a full sister to Derby winner Sunbeam Sea, and a full brother to Northern Dancer to be sold - six today and four tomorrow, equally split both days between colts and fillies.

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Bromager, offer a colt out of former French horse of the year, Detroit and Pegasus Stud, agent for Mid Island Bloodstock, sends into the ring a colt who is a half-brother to Prix Saint-Alary winner Smuggly.

The most pre-sale publicity surrounds a colt by Nijinsky that many believe will top the sale. He is consigned by Echo Valley Farm's Don Sucher for himself and partners Albert and John Clay. Out of the Bold Horse mare All Rainbows, the bay colt is a half-brother to this year's Kentucky Derby heroine, Winning Colors.

Just two lots into today's session is a colt by Blushing Groom, who is a half-brother to four stakes winners including Melodist. Sheikh Mohammed bought the colt, but he is to be sold by Derby owner Sunbeam Sea. Oats and dead-head-wealthy Diminution in the Irish Oaks.

Most expect Sheikh Mohammed to again be the leading buyer at the Keeneland sale. Last summer, in the name of Derby Stud Management Company, he purchased 24 youngsters for \$19,715,000.

He and his brothers, Hamdan Al-Maktoum and Maktoum Al-Maktoum, bought 47 yearlings for \$33,290,000, approximately 26 per cent of the entire sales gross.

There are several other European bloodstock agents who are active in the market. Lane's End Farm has a filly to sell by Blushing Groom out of the Northern Dancer mare Sunbeam Sea. Oats.

Included among those sired by Danzig are a half-brother to Bakharoff and a half-sister to Mrs. Penny.

John Carroll, Jack Berry's stable jockey, will partner So Careful in the match against Klute over five furlongs at August 12.

Carroll, on the 28-year-old mare, has won three stakes races at Chester nine days ago and the combination followed up by finishing a good second to Chaplin's Club at Rippon on Saturday.

The horses will compete at level weights of 9st 4lb; the winner will carry 9st 8lb, last month Carroll's riding weight is 7st 12lb.

With mounting interest, not only in the outcome of the match but in the speed of Klute and his opponent, trainers Haydock are hoping to install sectional timing equipment at the meeting.

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Britons in World team

Brisbane - Five British players have been chosen for the Rest of the World team to meet Australia in a Bicentennial Celebration match in Sydney on July 27 (a Special Correspondent writes).

They are Henderson (Gill) (wing), Andy Gregory (scrum half) and Eddy Hanley, Mike Gregory and Kevin Ward (forwards). The remainder of the side comprises seven New Zealanders and one Papuan, with New Zealand and France providing the substitutes.

TEAM: D Williams (New Zealand); M Gill (Great Britain); K Iro (New Zealand); D Bell (New Zealand); K Iro (New Zealand); M Gill (New Zealand); A Gregory (Great Britain); M Ward (Great Britain); W Wallace (New Zealand); A Shefflin (New Zealand); M Gregory (Great Britain); M Graham (New Zealand); J Hainey (New Zealand); Subst: J P Pouget (France); S Stewart (New Zealand).

ATHLETICS: OLYMPIC MEDAL PROSPECTS CONFIRM THEIR POTENTIAL

Sanderson back in reckoning

By Pat Butcher Athletics Correspondent

After all the arguments over appearance money, when Tessa Sanderson finally got round to throwing her javelin, it was a performance well worth the wait. The Olympic champion threw 71.70 metres in Crawley on Saturday. That is her longest throw since 1983, moves her to second place on this year's world rankings, and makes a successful defence of her title in Seoul begin to look realistic. That is, if she can limit the effects of injury.

She could manage only that one distant effort and a half-hearted attempt on her second throw before the pain in her left foot caused her to forego the rest. But it did not stop her, foot strapped, from wheeling around Battersa Park yesterday in the Variety Club Bikedrome.

She said: "That first one just felt so easy, but after that I couldn't drive off properly, the pain in my foot was killing me."

I'm considering a cortisone injection. I know it's a bit risky. But with only eight weeks to go to the Games, I might take a chance. My mind's good, and I've got to defend my title."

With Petra Felke having thrown 78.14 metres the season, and Fatima Whitbread likely to return even stronger from her own injury rest period, success in Seoul may seem a long shot for Sanderson. But she surprised Whitbread two years ago, when, after a similarly disjointed period following the Los Angeles Olympics, Sanderson won the Commonwealth title in Edinburgh.

She returns there for her next competition, the Miller-Lite meeting on July 29 at Meadowbank Stadium, where she had her longest throw of 73.58 metres in 1983. And if she can muster all her force and concentration into a single throw again, Seoul would be the right place and the right time to do it.

"The wrong place at the wrong time," is how Steve Cram

characterised his getting boxed in long enough to lose his bronze race to Frank O'Mara. But Cram could equally have been referring to Gateshead last Saturday. For it was the most lacklustre meeting I can remember in Britain since the United Kingdom v East Germany fixture on a wet weekend at Crystal Palace in 1983 signalled the end of the two-nation match era in the capital.

Like the England v United States B team match, which Birmingham endured last month, the administration obviously feels that the provinces are prepared to put up with second best. The crowd response in Gateshead should have warned them that that is not the case.

But, there were a few crumbs, like Cram and O'Mara, and Jackson and Jarrett. The two miles was billed as a Cram v Jackson match. And the new national 10,000 metre record-holder featured in Cram's defeat by boxing him in long enough for O'Mara to sprint into a winning lead.

Doubts cast over 100m world mark

Indianapolis (Agencies) - Florence Griffith-Joyner broke the women's 100 metres record by 17.5 metres in a record time, automatic timing was introduced in 1968 and her sister-in-law Jackie Joyner-Kersey erased her heptathlon mark in the United States Olympic trials.

Griffith-Joyner ran her second round heat in 10.49sec to erase the mark of 10.76 set by Evelyn Ashford, of the United States, in Zurich in 1984. Earlier she had run a wind-assisted 10.60, but doubts were soon raised over whether her second

fourth time - the only athlete to have done so - the triple jump world record of 13.47 metres set in 1985. In a competition dominated by Willie Banks twice becoming the first jumper to exceed 59 feet (17.9m), but both wind-assisted. Michael Conley, the runner-up to Al Joyner in Los Angeles and second in the world championships in Rome, was fourth behind Robert Cannon, whose best jump was a wind-assisted 17.63.

Conley then protested the distance of his final jump, which was measured twice - once at 17.55 and once at 17.65. A spokesman for the national governing body said officials would now review films of the jump.

Besides Banks, the other outstanding performer at the steep incline meet was the winner of four gold medals in Los Angeles won the 100 metres in 9.78sec, 0.05 inside Ben Johnson's world mark, but a knee injury prevented a record consideration.

The cut-throat competition in the trials has also cost Jane Frederick, the bronze medal winner in the heptathlon in Rome at a Seoul place. Frederick was 31 points behind Candy Brown in third spot and the joint American high jump record-holders, Thomas McCanis and Jerome Carter, were

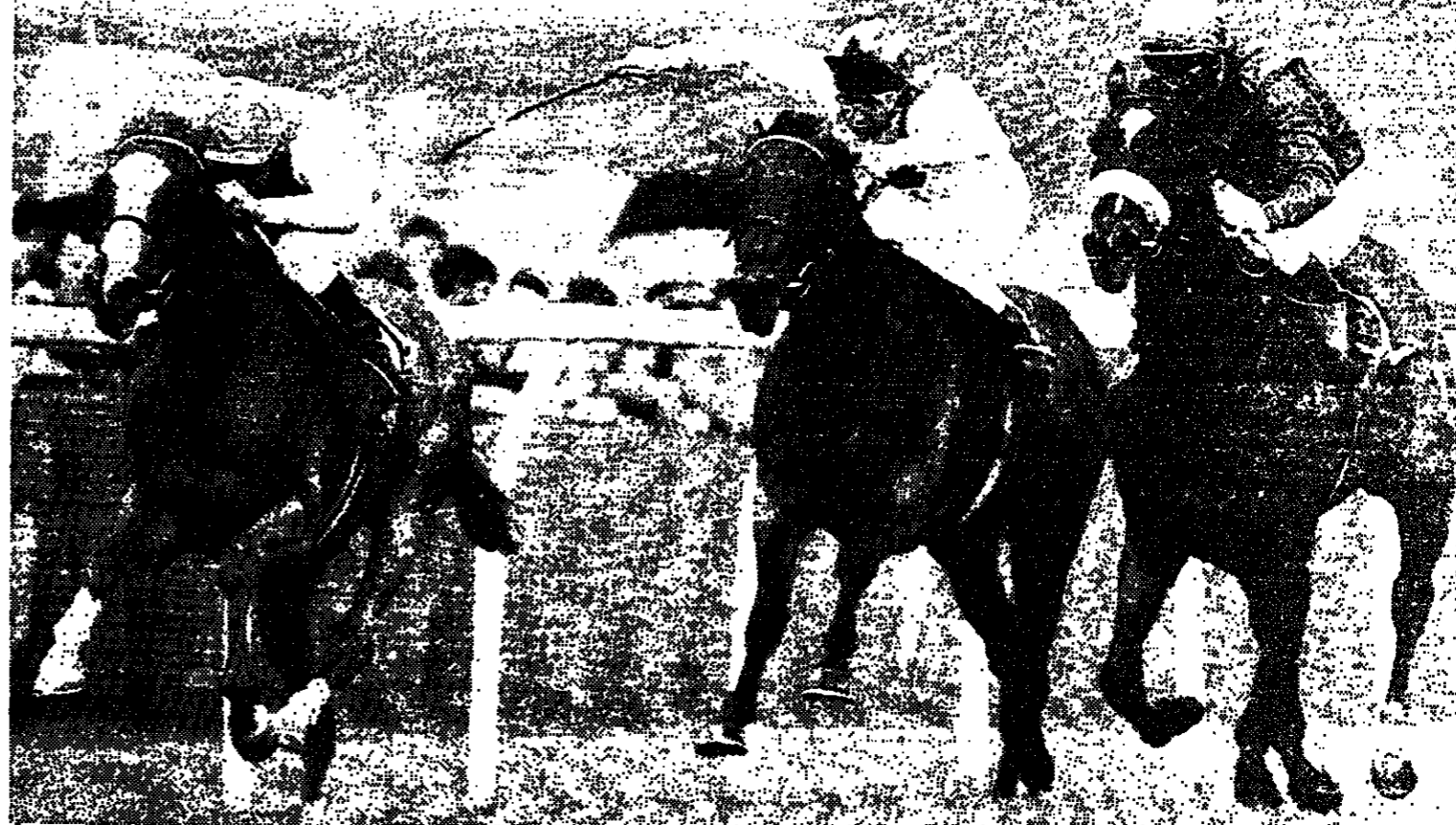
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Umbelata to regain the winning thread at Ayr

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Stellaria (left) withstands the challenge of Luge (right) in Saturday's Manton Rose Bowl at Newbury with Heart Of Arabia third (Photograph: Ed Byrne)

Table with 2 columns: Selections and Draw. Lists horses like Sweet Dragon, Madam Millie, Umbelata, Stavordale, and Magic Carpet.

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Ground worry for Mtoto supporters

The weather is set to play a crucial part in Saturday's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes.

Rule 153 steals the show

The controversial rule 153, which brought about the Royal Ascot Gold Cup saga, again came under close scrutiny at Newbury on Saturday.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Selections By Mandarin. 2.15 Dominion Fayre. 2.45 Ottoman Prince. 3.15 Per Quad. 3.45 Checkpoint Charlie.

4.15 WOLVERHAMPTON SPEEDWAY DIAMOND

JUBILEE HANDICAP (22.72: 1m 10) (23) 2-24 BOY JAMIE 11 (C.D.S.) at Preston 4-9-10

WINDSOR

Selections By Our Newmarket Correspondent. 6.30 Always Ready. 6.55 Love To Dance.

Guide to our in-line racecard

102 721 8-022 GOOD TIMES 74 (C.D.F.) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Half 9-10-0 B West (9) 88

Going: good to soft. Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best. 6.30 ENF RIVER BLUE STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,000: 5f) (14 runners)

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 6.30 Enf River Blue Stakes.

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 6.45 Spun Selling Stakes.

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 7.00 Spun Selling Stakes.

Course specialists

Table with 2 columns: Trainers and Jockeys. Lists names like W Hagg, P Gordon, C Tucker, M Tompkins.

7.20 LONDIS HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,308: 6f) (13 runners)

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 7.20 Londis Handicap Stakes.

7.50 STELLA GARRAD HANDICAP STAKES (£3,184: 1m 3f 150yd) (6 runners)

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 7.50 Stella Garrad Handicap Stakes.

8.20 NIMBLE FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,010: 6f) (11 runners)

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 8.20 Nimble Fillies Stakes.

8.50 THAMES GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £255: 1m 2f 22yd) (8 runners)

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 8.50 Thames Graduation Stakes.

Flat leaders

Table with 2 columns: Trainers and Jockeys. Lists names like H Cecil, L Curran, J Berry, S Hill.

Course specialists

Table with 2 columns: Trainers and Jockeys. Lists names like W Hagg, P Gordon, C Tucker, M Tompkins.

Blinkered first time

WINDSOR: 6.30 Always Ready. 6.55 Storm Warner. Ayr: 3.00 Sky Watcher. 4.00 Lark in Hand.

3.45 WIN WITH THE TOTE MAIDEN STAKES

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 3.45 Win with the Tote Maiden Stakes.

3.15 DUNSTALL DERBY HANDICAP STAKES

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 3.15 Dunstable Derby Handicap Stakes.

3.45 WESTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,550: 5f) (12 runners)

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 3.45 Weston Maiden Fillies Stakes.

4.45 HILPOCK MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £255: 2m 1f) (14)

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 4.45 Hilpock Maiden Stakes.

4.15 WOLVERHAMPTON SPEEDWAY DIAMOND

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 4.15 Wolverhampton Speedway Diamond.

5.15 SUMMER HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,211: 5f) (13)

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 5.15 Summer Handicap Stakes.

5.45 SPUR SELLING STAKES (3 & 4-Y-O: £1,425: 1m 2f 22yd) (14 runners)

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 5.45 Spur Selling Stakes.

6.55 SPUR SELLING STAKES (3 & 4-Y-O: £1,425: 1m 2f 22yd) (14 runners)

Table with 2 columns: Form and Selection: Madam Millie. Lists horses for the 6.55 Spur Selling Stakes.

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Tramontana's trophy again

By John Watson

Following three weeks struggle between 13 teams split into two leagues, Tramontana, the quartet patronised and put together by Anthony Embiricos and David Jamison, carried off the premier Davidoff Gold Cup for the third year running at Cowdray Park, Sussex, yesterday, with a 15-3 victory over Christian Heppes' squad, Hildon House, which had emerged top of League II.

Tramontana's No. 3, Carlos Gracida, perhaps the best polist in the world and certainly the most sensational to have performed on English grounds, dominated the first half. With eight goals from his mallet and two from that of his fellow-Mexican, Valerian Aguilár—who were most staunchly backed up by their patron-players—the tally was 10-1 in Tramontana's favour at the end of the fourth chukka.

But the fifth went Hildon's way. Their eighth-over pivot man, Howard Hipwood, then brought out his splendid gelding, Marisal, and wrig-

gled through the opposition with Wicky El Effendi to slam home four goals. Tramontana's failure then was partly due to the fact that Gracida (who lost one of his best mounts, Maiken, from an injury last week) was riding a totally unfamiliar one.

Hildon were much more prone, throughout, to crossing their opponents line, especially El Effendi. Gracida, who scored all three goals in the sixth chukka and 12 overall, finding the flags with no fewer than six penalty conversions.

TRAMONTANA: 1, A Embiricos (St); 2, V Aguilár (St); 3, C Gracida (St); 4, B Back, D Jamison (St). HILDON HOUSE: 1, W Lord (St); 2, W Effendi (St); 3, H Hipwood (St); 4, B Back, L Lord & Beronoff (St).

BLACK BEARS: 1, W Wade (St); 2, M Azzaro (St); 3, D Smicklas (St); 4, B Back, M Brown (St).

MAPLE LEAF: 1, A Savell (St); 2, J Hipwood (St); 3, R Walton (St); 4, G Weston (St).

NCP BRONCOS: 1, Lord Millard Haven (St); 2, C Forsyth (St); 3, G Tonnos (St); 4, M Gise (St).

PANACHE: 1, P Elliott (St); 2, J Basc (St); 3, R Gracida (St); 4, R De Lima (St).

WINDSOR PARK: 1, G Kent (St); 2, R Barry (St); 3, S McKenzie (St); 4, B Back, The Prince of Wales (St).

SOUTHSEA: 1, J Norman (St); 2, A Kent (St); 3, O Forrester (St); 4, R Hanson (St).



Full speed ahead: action from the premier Davidoff Gold Cup at Cowdray Park (Photograph: James Gray)

Failure to catch is expensive

By Richard Streeton

DERBY: Derbyshire have scored 283 for five wickets against Northamptonshire. Four dropped catches by Northamptonshire ruined their hopes of bringing a quick end to the Derbyshire innings on the second day of this disrupted championship match. Nearly four hours were lost on Saturday and heavy overnight rain penetrated the covers and prevented any play yesterday until four o'clock.

It was bitterly cold and the light was dreadful when a start was possible, but this did not excuse the poor Northamptonshire fielding. Barnett was missed twice and Bowler once as they added a further 50 runs together when Derbyshire resumed at 146 for three.

Barnett had not added to his overnight 10 when he drove a straightforward catch against Davis to mid-off, where Walker dropped it. Barnett had completed his half-century in three-and-a-quarter hours when he edged Capel and was missed by Bailey at second slip. Capel soon afterwards was unable to hold a return catch offered by Barnett, who was then 21.

Walker finally had Bowler leg-before as he tried to steer a ball to third man, but the catalogue of missed chances continued. Maher was then dropped by Bailey off Walker.

Barnett did not allow his mistakes to disturb his concentration and played several firm strokes square on both sides of the wicket. He had been in 40 overs and hit seven fours when he was yorked as soon as Wild bowled.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings G J Wright lb c Capel 5 P D Bowler lb w Walker 61 B Roberts c Pepley b Davis 79 S Morris b G B Cooke 79 K J Barnett b Wild 73 P D Barnett lb c Pepley, N G B Cooke not out 17 S G Gosselin not out 17 Extras (b 3, w 2, nb 3) 15 Total (5 wks, 92 overs) 283

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-7, 3-128, 4-192, 5-242. Bowler: G B Cooke, W Larnes, R J Bailey, A J Lamb, D J Capel, R Williams, D J Wainwright, N G B Cooke, W W Davis, A Walker. Bonus points: Derbyshire 3, Northants 2. Umpires: J D Bond and R Julian.

Leicestershire trapped in West Indian lair

Leicestershire, Leicestershire, are 337 runs behind West Indies

The West Indians, gratefully and impressively flexing muscles in readiness for Thursday's fourth Test at Headingley, were in a thoroughly destructive mood at Grace Road yesterday.

Nothing was safe—not Leicestershire's bowlers, their batsmen, nor even the plaster model of a running fox which has adorned the wall above the umpires' room for many years.

That was decapitated when a straight six by Benjamin off Potter sent the ball soaring over the sight screen and through the open door of the pavilion.

Leicestershire's pride was just as seriously damaged and Gower is unlikely to have too many regrets about resting from this confrontation with the touring team in order to concentrate all his attentions on what will be his hundredth Test appearance.

Even from the safe distance of the dressing room balcony

Middlesex thwarted by rain again

It is so often the case that a delay or an abandonment at Lord's causes more controversy than would occur at any other ground.

After three inspections yesterday, the umpires decreed that it would not be possible to play at all. Middlesex do not forget, are leading the Refuge Assurance League, and their supporters clearly did not think much of the decision. Glamorgan were to have been their opponents. This was the third abandonment at Middlesex have suffered this season.

Meanwhile, there was play a few miles away at the Oval; indeed a full afternoon's play. Pienaar made another decent score (84) and Ellison 44 as Kent made a recovery of sorts to total 183 for nine against Surrey. Greig took five for 30 and then made some runs as his side, needing 11 off the last three

Gower will have picked up the relevant vibrations. The West Indies are still in no mood to take prisoners, particularly their fearsome pace attack. In just 12.4 overs before bad light, Ambrose and Patterson had Leicestershire in total disarray at 23 for four with the sort of bowling England can only dream about producing.

Patterson dismissed Boon and Briers with lifting deliveries which came into the "unplayable" bracket. Willey was beaten for pace and trapped lbw by Ambrose, and Whitaker caught by Patterson mistiming a hook off Ambrose.

It was bowling of the very highest quality to complement a batting performance of equally majestic proportions. Hooper stroked a stylish 62, Dujon an elegant 51, Harper an attractive 47 and Greenidge a classical 75.

Struck down by a virus when he had made 16 on Saturday and forced to retire ill, Greenidge resumed his innings when the seventh

Refuge Assurance League table

Table with 10 columns: Middlesex, Gloucestershire, Surrey, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Essex, Hampshire, Nottinghamshire, Northants, Kent. Rows show runs scored and wickets taken.

180+ positions in brackets. 180+ positions in brackets. Gower and his team without undue difficulty. Lynch, too, was in excellent form, making 67.

Cowdreys savours gesture

By Ivo Tennant

A guard of honour greeted the new England captain when he went out to begin his innings at Guildford on Saturday. It was comprised not of team colleagues holding bats aloft—that must wait until he gets married.

At Trent Bridge, in a match reduced to 28 overs a side, Yorkshire had little difficulty in beating Nottinghamshire. Only

While Cowdreys and Kent were the focus of attention last week, Essex took a march on Worcestershire, hitherto Kent's main challengers for the leadership. Cooch made 96 against Lancashire at Southend, and John Stephenson, Hussain and Miller all contributed substantial scores.

Worcestershire collapsed to 39-8 on what was reportedly another poor pitch at Trent Bridge. Since no one seems prepared to do anything about improving them, Franklyn Stephenson and Cooper continue to indulge themselves: nine more wickets between them. All credit to Illingworth and to Radford for a ninth-wicket stand of 113, which enabled Worcestershire to reach a total of 159.

To judge by the score-card at Lord's, there is not much wrong with Gattino's state of mind. He took 180 off a Glamorgan attack which lacked Thomas, Slack made an unbeaten 103. Fraser, newly capped, took a wicket when Glamorgan batted.

Elsewhere, there was plenty of rain. In such play as was possible at Derby, Morris made 79 against Northamptonshire for whom, incidentally, Lille is almost fit to resume playing.

At Edgbaston, Hampshire were put in by Warwickshire and reached 63-4. At Bristol, there was hardly any play, Gloucestershire losing two wickets in just 11

Smith prepares to fulfil potential

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

Robin Smith stands six feet tall and weighs 15 stone but yesterday he was briefly retarded and almost speechless by news he had not dared to expect. "I am so excited, I just can't think straight," he said, minutes after being told he is to play for his adoptive England at Headingley on Thursday.

Six years ago, things were different. When Smith came to England from his native Durban, aged 18, he already had a reputation of a future Test player. It has taken him time to live up to the image. He has disappointed himself more than anyone and graduated to Test cricket seemed as far away as ever until last Saturday's Benson and Hedges Cup final.

Smith, known throughout the game as "Judge", scored only 38 but it was the most important innings of his career so far. It took him just 77 balls and embodied all the power, timing and aggression for which the selectors were desperately looking after the debacle at Old Trafford. England's manager, Micki Stewart, later went into the Hampshire dressing-room. He offered general congratulations, then sought out Smith for a private word. From that moment, he was evidently in the notebook for Headingley.

"A lot of people have been talking about me this week," Smith agreed, "and I would have been to be deaf not to notice. But I didn't think I had a real chance of playing because other batsmen have made more runs."

Smith, still the holder of South Africa's under-19 shot record, followed his elder brother, Chris, to England. Both play for Hampshire and both are now England players. There, the similarity ends. Chris is a dogged accumulator, calm and calculating in all he does; Robin is the destroyer but, paradoxically, the bundle of nerves.

The nerves are still there. I still get too nervous for my own good but I am slowly learning to relax and I shall try hard to take the advice of everyone I have spoken to by playing my natural game."

Smith, who learned of his selection in a phone call from his fiancée at the Birmingham hotel where Hampshire are staying, pays tribute to his greatest supporter, his father, John. Chris was rapidly on hand to lead the congratulations but he offered general congratulations, then sought out Smith for a private word. From that moment, he was evidently in the notebook for Headingley.

Essex v Lancashire

SOUTHERN (Essex won toss): Essex (87) beat Lancashire by six wickets

Table with 2 columns: Essex, Lancashire. Rows show batsmen and bowlers with scores and wickets.

Essex (87): G Mendenhall 18, G Fowler 14, S J Lister 14, N J Fairbrother 14, M A Hussain 14, G V Palmer 14, P J Wilton 14, J P Wainwright 14, J K Cresswell 14, Extras (b 1, w 1, nb 1) 14. Total (5 wks, 28 overs) 187

Lancashire (114): J C Ball 21, J R Batty 21, J G Blackwell 21, D G Brindley 21, G V Palmer 21, P J Wilton 21, J K Cresswell 21, Extras (b 1, w 1, nb 1) 21. Total (5 wks, 28 overs) 187

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Notts v Yorkshire

TRENT BRIDGE (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (162) beat Nottinghamshire by seven wickets

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Notts (143): G Mendenhall 18, G Fowler 14, S J Lister 14, N J Fairbrother 14, M A Hussain 14, G V Palmer 14, P J Wilton 14, J P Wainwright 14, J K Cresswell 14, Extras (b 1, w 1, nb 1) 14. Total (5 wks, 28 overs) 187

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Essex v Somerset

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire (103) beat Somerset by seven wickets

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Notts v Worcestershire

TRENT BRIDGE (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (183) beat Nottinghamshire by seven wickets

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Warwick v Hants

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Warwick (6): G Mendenhall 18, G Fowler 14, S J Lister 14, N J Fairbrother 14, M A Hussain 14, G V Palmer 14, P J Wilton 14, J P Wainwright 14, J K Cresswell 14, Extras (b 1, w 1, nb 1) 14. Total (5 wks, 28 overs) 187

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Warwick v Gloucestershire

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No play yesterday

LORDS: No result. Middlesex 240, Glamorgan 2

WARWICKSHIRE: 1-1, 2-1, 3-1, 4-1, 5-1. GLEUCESTERSHIRE: 1-1, 2-1, 3-1, 4-1, 5-1. DERBYSHIRE: 1-1, 2-1, 3-1, 4-1, 5-1.

Shahid ensures escape

Rain and the batting of Shahid ensured that the match between The Rest and Southern Schools, part of the MCC Schools Festival at Oxford, ended in a draw.

The Rest had batted first on a wicket which suited the spinners (George Chesterton writes).

None of the early batsmen was happy against the slow left-arrmer, Long, of Brighton, who finished with figures of seven for 16 in 21 overs. Gregory steadied

The wrong arm of the French law leads Millar adrift

From John Wilcockson, Gazette Neige

The French gendarmerie contributed to Robert Millar losing the 14th stage of the Tour de France yesterday at this ski station 5,000 feet up in the Pyrenees. Millar was poised to win the final, uphill sprint from Philippe Bouvaetier of France.

The Scot was following Bouvaetier when the Frenchman attacked just before a sharp left turn 350 metres before the line. Bouvaetier was following closely behind a motorbike that was mistakenly directed to the right by a gendarme. Both Millar and the Frenchman got away, allowing Millar to follow.

In the battle for the yellow jersey, Pedro Dalgado extended his lead to almost three and a half minutes on Rooks after an impressive surge of the three-mile climb to the finish. Dalgado's performance further increased his chances of winning the Tour de France, which finishes on Sunday in Paris.

The biggest obstacle he has to overcome is today's giant stage through the Pyrenees which crosses five mountain passes, including the Col du Tourmalet, the highest pass on the Tour de France. The finish will again be on a mountain top, at Luz-Ardiden, where Dalgado won a similar stage three years ago.

By the time this group reached the first slopes of the Col d'Agnes, the first of three steep climbs that precede the finish, the main pack was more than ten minutes behind. Once on the climb, Millar's French team colleague Jean-Claude Bagot set a steady pace until the British rider was ready to take over the lead towards the summit.

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Hoban bursts back

Victory in a national road championship has automatically assured Olympey Hoban a place in the previous Olympic years (Peter Bryan writes). Britain's new amateur road champion is Neil Hoban, aged 22, from Crowthorn in Berkshire.

The loss of form which Hoban experienced immediately after the 1984 Olympic Games was a disappointment because the man with the final vote on the national coach, does not return until today from the junior world championships in Denmark.

Hoban, son of Peter Hoban, the former international rider, was five seconds clear of Bouvaetier, and they were joined on the dangerous drop by Ghiroto and another Italian, Ennio Vanotti. Millar continued to lead all the way up the penultimate climb to gain more points towards his title as the King of the Mountains crown—a competition in which he now lies second, 20 points behind Steven Rooks of the Netherlands.

Immediately after finishing, an angry Millar said: "I was confident I could win the final sprint, that's why I didn't attack earlier."

Rowing

More than 500 crews and scullers competed over three days to reach yesterday's 50 final in the national championships in Nottingham. Although most of Great Britain's leading rowers were not present, the racing, mainly between club crews, was as keen as ever.

A major disappointment, however, was the withdrawal from Leander of Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes, the Olympic champions in coxed fours and eights world champions in coxed pairs. They were entered for both pair events in Nottingham. The British pair have not competed since the first round at Henley Royal Regatta with Holmes nursing an injured rib. But he is apparently responding well to training.

The British women's junior team, selected for the world championships in Milan in August, did not take part in Nottingham, leaving a place open for from Norwich in the single sculls; Michelle Lee and Sharon Noble in the double sculls and the composite eight. They won their three junior events with ease, but Olympey Hoban, who has won the world title in the coxed pair, was the only one to reach the final.

The final of the women's heavyweights, who have much to prove to justify Olympic selection, was the Rowing Club. The squad eight, held off Thames by a fraction under length, with the British junior eight just three lengths off the pack. Kingston won a fine race in the men's coxed eights.

Chris Batts and Peter Haining, the lightweight international rowers, won the men's heavyweight coxed pairs. The final of the men's eights produced a classic encounter between an experienced Tideway Scullers eight, packed with Leander under-23 eight, with Goldie in close attendance. The Scullers answered every pressure and in the final run-in, left Leander with a brave Goldie eight just three quarters of a length back from Leander in third place.

Cricket

British Assurance Championships: Essex v Somerset, Glamorgan v Warwickshire, Gloucestershire v Hampshire, Leicestershire v Lancashire, Middlesex v Northamptonshire, Northants v Warwickshire, Somerset v Gloucestershire, Surrey v Kent, Warwickshire v Hampshire, Yorkshire v Lancashire.

Other Sport

Bowling: County match: Worcestershire v Devon (Nottingham). Croquet: Carlsberg British open championships (Nottingham). Golf: Open championship (Royal Lytham & St Annes). Shooting: National Rifle Association meeting (Belfast). Speedway: British League, Wolverhampton (Reading). National League v Swindon (Exeter). Tennis: Professional cup, YAC (Swindon). YAC: 23rd European championships (Cwm).

Failure to catch is expensive

By Richard Streeton

DERBY: Derbyshire have scored 283 for five wickets against Northamptonshire. Four dropped catches by Northamptonshire ruined their hopes of bringing a quick end to the Derbyshire innings on the second day of this disrupted championship match. Nearly four hours were lost on Saturday and heavy overnight rain penetrated the covers and prevented any play yesterday until four o'clock.

It was bitterly cold and the light was dreadful when a start was possible, but this did not excuse the poor Northamptonshire fielding. Barnett was missed twice and Bowler once as they added a further 50 runs together when Derbyshire resumed at 146 for three.

Barnett had not added to his overnight 10 when he drove a straightforward catch against Davis to mid-off, where Walker dropped it. Barnett had completed his half-century in three-and-a-quarter hours when he edged Capel and was missed by Bailey at second slip. Capel soon afterwards was unable to hold a return catch offered by Barnett, who was then 21.

Walker finally had Bowler leg-before as he tried to steer a ball to third man, but the catalogue of missed chances continued. Maher was then dropped by Bailey off Walker.

Barnett did not allow his mistakes to disturb his concentration and played several firm strokes square on both sides of the wicket. He had been in 40 overs and hit seven fours when he was yorked as soon as Wild bowled.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings G J Wright lb c Capel 5 P D Bowler lb w Walker 61 B Roberts c Pepley b Davis 79 S Morris b G B Cooke 79 K J Barnett b Wild 73 P D Barnett lb c Pepley, N G B Cooke not out 17 S G Gosselin not out 17 Extras (b 3, w 2, nb 3) 15 Total (5 wks, 92 overs) 283

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-7, 3-128, 4-192, 5-242. Bowler: G B Cooke, W Larnes, R J Bailey, A J Lamb, D J Capel, R Williams, D J Wainwright, N G B Cooke, W W Davis, A Walker. Bonus points: Derbyshire 3, Northants 2. Umpires: J D Bond and R Julian.

Middlesex thwarted by rain again

It is so often the case that a delay or an abandonment at Lord's causes more controversy than would occur at any other ground.

After three inspections yesterday, the umpires decreed that it would not be possible to play at all. Middlesex do not forget, are leading the Refuge Assurance League, and their supporters clearly did not think much of the decision. Glamorgan were to have been their opponents. This was the third abandonment at Middlesex have suffered this season.

Meanwhile, there was play a few miles away at the Oval; indeed a full afternoon's play. Pienaar made another decent score (84) and Ellison 44 as Kent made a recovery of sorts to total 183 for nine against Surrey. Greig took five for 30 and then made some runs as his side, needing 11 off the last three

Refuge Assurance League table

Table with 10 columns: Middlesex, Gloucestershire, Surrey, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Essex, Hampshire, Nottinghamshire, Northants, Kent. Rows show runs scored and wickets taken.

180+ positions in brackets. 180+ positions in brackets. Gower and his team without undue difficulty. Lynch, too, was in excellent form, making 67.

At Trent Bridge, in a match reduced to 28 overs a side, Yorkshire had little difficulty in beating Nottinghamshire. Only

Cowdreys savours gesture

By Ivo Tennant

A guard of honour greeted the new England captain when he went out to begin his innings at Guildford on Saturday. It was comprised not of team colleagues holding bats aloft—that must wait until he gets married.

England emerge anew after drastic surgery

By Alan Lee Cricket Correspondent

Christopher Cowdrey will lead out an England team at Headingley on Thursday which bears little resemblance to the side which trounced the West Indies...

There are two newly capped batsmen, the studiously adhesive opener, Curtis, and the savagely strong Smith. There are recalls for Athey, Pringle and Richards, all of whom had feared at various times this year that their Test days were over...

Peter May became chairman of selectors more than six years ago. It reacts to the need for a new attitude as much as new players and it abandons the "no panic" policy still being preached by some of those in power in the immediate aftermath of the Old Trafford humiliation...

England party table with columns for Name, Age, Tests, Runs, Wickets. Includes names like C S Cowdrey, W J Athey, J H Childs, T S Cottle, G R Dillley, N A Foster, G A Gough, D J Gower, A J Lamb, D R Pringle, C J Richards, R A Smith.

England party... doubtless been influential, as he should be, but the panel has come up with a party which has a sensible blend of established class and fresh faces...

has been preferred to Parker and Barnett, both of whom were discussed at length, and will probably bat at No. 5, with the relieved Gower going in at three on his hundredth Test appearance.

showed one none the less. In three full seasons of county cricket, he has averaged 42.41 and 50 without ever quite fulfilling his potential. The extra challenge may be all he needs but one hopes the selectors show some public confidence in him by revealing that he is to be given the rest of the summer to prove himself.

Meeting up with golfing's greats

By John Hennessy

Paul Broadhurst, his flowing blond locks temporarily released from the visor he usually wears, was a lone figure on the practice putting green yesterday.

The Open on TV

GOLF: BBC2 1.35-6 p.m. or finish. WEATHER: Drizzle possible, but easing mid-morning; afternoon dry and brighter; wind west, backing to south west in afternoon, fairly fresh.

up the next day to Nicklaus, from Columbus in Ohio. "My dad told me he'd watch me hitting for a couple of minutes," he said, with stars in his eyes.

Playing all four rounds of the Open was the greatest thing that had happened to him, he remarked, with the rider that "as an amateur, winning the Lytham Trophy here in May may have meant more."

Perhaps, but the two events together must have assured him of a place in the Great Britain and Ireland team of four for the world championship at Stockholm in September.

He recalled that he had got into the Open this time, at the third attempt, only after submitting to the ordeal by play-off at Lytham Green Drive last Monday. A birdie at the second hole gave him the entrée to Royal Lytham.

In the championship itself, he stood in some danger of missing the 36-hole cut and with it the amateur's silver medal, at five over par after 23 holes. He had judged, correctly that the guilotine would fall on six over, so that he had only one stroke to spare.

He responded to a challenging situation with birdies at the sixth, seventh, and ninth. He lost one shot at the tenth, recovered it at the twelfth and dropped only two more over the daunting final stretch at Lytham. Too late did he discover that he could have got 14-1 against his making the cut. Otherwise, "I would have had a slice of it," he said.

The bookmaker's, he thinks, are ridiculously ungenerous about the possibility of his coming out on top of the star-studded heat this evening. "I'm told they're offering only 200-1," he said. "A million to one would be more like it."

He tended, unwillingly, to prove the point with three putts at the first hole yesterday and another dropped shot at the second.

Straw proves no safeguard against injury

Officials at Royal Lytham and St Annes began mopping up the flooded parts of the course as soon as the third round had been abandoned on Saturday. Tons of straw were bought from local farmers and distributed over the worst-affected areas but they soon became slippery.

Europeans chase Price to set up thrilling last day

By Mitchell Platts Golf Correspondent

Nick Price, of Zimbabwe, defiantly protected his lead as Nick Faldo, Sandy Lyle and Severiano Ballesteros were swept along the Royal Lytham and St Annes fairways by a tidal wave of European support in the 117th Open Championship yesterday.

Price, one of the most popular players in the game, earned the respect and admiration of another record crowd as he put together a 69 for a three-round aggregate of 206, seven under par.

A marvellous final round is now in prospect with Faldo (68) and Ballesteros (70) locked together two shots behind, and Lyle, whose 67 represented the best score of the day, only one shot further adrift.

The wind was a mere zephyr compared with that on the previous day, and the atmosphere was extraordinary as Faldo, Lyle and Ballesteros attempted throughout the afternoon to peg back Price.

Price retained his advantage on the outward half with the assistance of twos at the first and ninth. He set out, one ahead of Ballesteros, by hitting a six-iron to eight feet, from where he holed Faldo and Lyle, who began three and five shots adrift respectively, each had mixed fortune on the opening stretch.

Faldo inexplicably took three putts at the first - he missed from no further than three inches - and retrieved the shot at the next by holing from 30 feet. Lyle made a putt of eight feet for a birdie at the third but he took three putts on the next green.

Price, too, dropped a shot at the fourth as Ballesteros, alongside him, made an encouraging start with five successive pars. The sixth hole provided a dramatic incident. Faldo and Lyle, both on in two, had already collected their birdie fours there by the time Ballesteros arrived on the tee. He proceeded to drive into a bush, from where he needed two attempts to escape. He played both shots left-handed and eventually took six compared with Price's four.

Ballesteros immediately replied with a birdie at the seventh, holing from four feet

Card of course table with columns for Hole, Yds, Par, Hole, Yds, Par. Includes Sandy Lyle's score: Out 3-4-3 5-3-4 4-4-3-33.

BEST OF THE DAY SANDY LYLE (67)

Out: 3-4-3 5-3-4 4-4-3-33. In: 4-4-3 4-3-4 4-4-4-34. * Bird scores better than par; italic denotes scores worse than par.

following a delightful shot from the bunker, so matching the four which Lyle had earlier made by getting on in two. Faldo and Price forfeited their hopes of taking advantage of that hole by hitting their drives into the rough. Faldo, however, holed from 16 feet for a birdie at the eighth and Price, after dropping a shot there, made a two at the ninth from 12 feet.

Price, out in 34, stood at six under par. He led by two from Ballesteros and Faldo and by four from Lyle. Craig Stadler, out in 37, was to lose his way

with a six at the 12th, where he was out of bounds, and a seven at the 15th. That left Pooley, who followed a birdie at the 15th with another from 14 feet at the 16th, Couples and the resilient Bean as the leading Americans along with Nelson, who had a 68.

Even so, the prospects of any one of them proving wrong the pre-championship forecast of Tony Jacklin that an American would not win appeared to be dwindling fast as Faldo, Ballesteros and Lyle all in hot pursuit. His birdies at the 13th and 15th enabled him to keep his nose in front as Faldo found his putting touch. The tall Englishman holed from 15 feet at the 12th, from 35 feet at the 13th and from 20

feet at the 16th after dropping a shot at the previous hole. It was an impressive display from the defending champion, and Lyle, too, kept alive his own hopes by holing from 20 feet for a birdie at the 11th and from six feet for another at the 14th. In fact, he did exceptionally well to escape with par at the 17th where he recovered with an expert's touch from a bunker.

Then the rain returned as Faldo, for the third round in succession, drove into a bunker at the 17th. He was compelled to come out sideways, and from there he hit his next to 20 feet from the hole. This time Faldo failed to make the putt, and by dropping a shot he slipped back to five under par alongside Ballesteros, who had holed from three feet for his birdie at the 13th. Lyle, however, once again got up and down from a bunker at the last to keep his score intact.

It was an eventful day elsewhere with David J Russell, playing alongside Jack Nicklaus, taking 29 to the turn. He had four birdies and one eagle, but could not maintain his momentum on the inward half. He came back in 40 for a 69. Likewise José Rivero, out in 30, took 40 back for a 70. Lanny Wadkins holed in one with a five-iron at the 206-yard first hole where, only three matches earlier, Russell had hit the pin with his tee shot.

The Spaniard José María Olazábal penalized two shots at the 14th, where he met his Waterloo by taking right. Eduardo Romero, of Argentina, had better fortune as he finished in 69 to join those under par.

THIRD ROUND SCORES AT ROYAL LYTHAM table with columns for Player, Score, (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated).

Blue Arrow flies colours at Falmouth



Dawning of a new era: Britain's prospective America's Cup challenger undergoes her first sea trial in 12-knot winds

De Savary wants hovercraft challenge

The £3.5 million advanced technology boat designed to win the America's Cup for Britain was yesterday tested in sail for the first time - and she came through the trial so well that Peter de Savary was able to say: "You saw how she really went and that was just with one tenth of her full sail area. We'll try again tomorrow in full sail."

A team of specialist engineers and technicians had worked through Saturday night making adjustments to the rigging before the craft, potentially the fastest sailing boat the world has seen, was nursed towards her first big test.

As dawn broke over Falmouth Dockyard - which had been under high security during the three months of boat-building - the Blue Arrow crew was assembling. A welcome tray of bacon sandwiches arrived from a local hotel and a last-minute plan was being discussed as de Savary, the millionaire entrepreneur, appeared in his own 50-knot motor launch.

De Savary, who heads the challenge with Tony Berry, has taken a close hand in all aspects of the project.

By 8 a.m., the crew, led by Derek Clark, the design co-ordinator, was happy that the boat was ready. All available hands were mustered and Blue Arrow craft was edged gingerly from the dock into the harbour. Two large inflatable bags had been fixed under the wings as stabilizers, and one of the support launches towed the slim-hulled experimental boat out of the harbour.

On a signal from Clark, who was in the cockpit at the rear of the hull, the inflatable bags were jettisoned and the top rope released. The order was given to first put up the jib and the moment of truth had arrived. One of the team had said earlier: "We don't know if it's going to work. It's got such a slim hull anything could happen when the sail goes up. It could just topple over."

In the event, it didn't, and a nervous cheer went up from the Blue Arrow staff

Story and picture by Stephen Markeson

on the two support craft. De Savary, from his launch, kept in radio contact with Clark on the challenger. Questions like "What's it like?" and "How is it going?" were cracked across the airwaves as the conveyer - all colour co-ordinated in blue and white - sailed nervously around Falmouth in a 16-knot wind.

There was more excitement, as it was decided to try the gennaker, and Blue Arrow reached more than 20 knots, with Clark controlling the hydraulic system regulating the two underwater foils that give the boat lift and stability. Because of the increasing wind speed, it was decided to try the mainsail and a much-needed relief team returned to the calm waters of Falmouth Harbour and the Blue Arrow dock.

De Savary said: "Wasn't that just great? We are all very pleased with her first run. Of course, we would have liked much less wind for her first trial."

The only apparent problems that the crew appeared to have were with the spoilers on the wings, which were picking up too much water. "We are going in now for adjustments to the wings," said de Savary. "We thought it might happen and the present arrangement is only temporary anyway."

He added: "The design and the technology work. It was a bit wobbly at first, but the principles are right. It just depends now on how quickly the crew can learn to sail her at speed."

To the crew, relaxing for the first time in weeks, de Savary shouted: "Well done, everyone." Clark, who had looked tense throughout the trial, broke into a smile. "It was like learning to ride a bike - only with eight people... It definitely got better towards the end, very exciting."

Blue Arrow will be officially launched on Wednesday. Soon after, she will be flown to California in readiness for a possible sail-off with the New Zealand boat for the right to challenge San Diego in September - all of which is subject to a ruling from the New York Supreme Court.

De Savary then had the last word: "We are so confident, there is talk amongst the crew to challenge the Dover to Calais hovercraft just to get us up to racing pitch."

Fletcher leaves opponents in his wake

Roger Fletcher, of Banbury, won the London to Brighton powerboat race with more than eight minutes to spare over his nearest rival, Peter Armstrong, of Brighton, yesterday (Bryan Stiles writes).

It was a bruising event, with all the crews receiving a severe buffeting as they left the tranquillity of the Thames and encountering waves of more than 15ft as they headed for the halfway stopover at Ramsgate.

Richard Priestman and Steve Hallard, Britain's brightest hopes of Olympic medals in archery for years, sealed their places for Seoul yesterday by dominating the selection shoot-off at Church Stretton, Shropshire.

RESULTS: 1. C. Bush (US), 2. M. Seibold (US), 3. J. Hill (GB), 4. Standridge (US), 5. G. Smith (US), 6. J. Johnson (US), 7. J. Standridge (US), 8. J. Johnson (US), 9. J. Johnson (US), 10. J. Johnson (US).

SPORT IN BRIEF

Rowlands in charge

Clive Rowlands, the former Welsh captain and scrum half, has been appointed manager of the British Lions rugby union tour to Australia in 1989 and once he returns he will take over the Wales presidency.

Arrowed in

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Rowlands: Lions manager

Back in front

Moscow - Igor Polyanski broke his own 100 metres backstroke world record with a time of 55.05sec at the Soviet Union's national swimming championship.

Longo leads

Saint-Girons (AFP) - Jeannie Longo, the world champion, retained the overall lead after another French rider, Cecilie Odin, won the sixth stage in the women's Tour de France cycling race yesterday.

Swift progress

Nigel Aspinall and Steve Mulliner, the firm favourites in the Carlsberg Open croquet doubles championship advanced to the semi-finals at Hurlingham yesterday after Fulford and Suter and Bond and Sykes earlier knocked out the second and third seeds.

England last

The United States won the men's lacrosse under-19 world series when they beat Canada 12-5 in the final at Adelaide. England finished last after losing heavily to Australia 22-9.